

## **MINUTES of Toronto, Vancouver & Montreal Branch Meetings 1948 – 1960**

1948-07-01	PC Minutes: discussion on SWP and upcoming RWP conventions
1948-07-21	PC Minutes: hope that RWP delegates to CCL convention can make trip East; proposal to drop to a monthly journal; reports on Montreal and Vancouver (incomplete)
1948-07-31	N.O. (National Office) Financial Statement
1951-07July8	Minutes of RWP Special Convention Branch Meeting
1951-07July25	Minutes RWP: N.O. report on 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Convention
1951-08Aug15	RWP Minutes: CCF work, finances
1951-11Nov14	RWP Minutes; Finances & CCF work
1952-03Mar7	RWP Minutes, CCF report, Forums, socials
1952-03Mar21	RWP Minutes announcing dissolution of RWP
1952-04Apr24	ex-RWP Minutes: message of solidarity to US re Trucks Law
1952-04Apr24	ex-RWP Minutes May 1: CCF industrial club set up
1952-07July21	ex-RWP Minutes re: CCF National Convention & NATO vote
1953-10Oct7	ex-RWP Minutes re: educational program
1954-02Feb23	ex-RWP Minutes re: general branch business and CCF work
1954-03Mar24	ex-RWP Minutes re: Educationals & CCF –Labor Council
1954-03Mar31	ex-RWP Minutes re: allocation of delegates to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Convention
1954-08Aug12	ex-RWP Minutes (by Kane-RD)
1954-10Oct24	ex-RWP Minutes re: CCF expulsions of our comrades
1954-10Oct29	Branch Minutes: CCF expulsions & Rose Group treachery
1954-10Oct30	Statement to Provincial Council (C22CF) Ontario Section
1954-11Nov7	ex-RWP Minutes re: CCF expulsions report on defence tactics
1954-99	RD notes: “Documents designed to smoke out Pablists”

**1955**

1955-01Jan10 ex-RWP Minutes re: CCF expulsion appeals

1955-01Jan11 Report on Rosedale CCF Youth club, protest CCF expulsions

1955-03Mar13 ex-RWP Minutes re: CCF activity

1955-04Apr4 ex-RWP Minutes: HQ, Forum and classes attendance

1955-04Apr24 ex-RWP Minutes: re-admission of some Rose Group members

1955-05May11 ex-RWP Minutes re: NC letter on re-admission of suspensions

1955-05May22 ex-RWP Minutes: CCF Convention report and appeals

1955-08Aug24 ex-RWP Minutes: Trade union activity – caucus meeting  
Minutes of Independent Rosedale CCF Youth Forum

**1956-SEL Toronto**

1956-03Mar25 SEL Minutes: Membership, contacts, subscription work

1956-11Nov6 SEL Minutes: CCF Suez question picket, face expulsions

1956-11Nov14 SEL Minutes: CCF expulsions resolution re Suez picketing

1956-11Nov21 SEL Minutes: CCF expelled youth refuse deal for suspension

**1957-SEL Toronto**

1957-04Apr10 SEL Minutes: educational and trade union PAC

1957-05May8 SEL Minutes: reports on movement activities

1957-05May13 Executive Meeting Minutes: operations and planning

1957-09Sept25 SEL Minutes: probe regroupment with dissident LPPers

**1958-SEL Toronto & SIC-Vancouver**

1958-03Mar7 Minutes Emergency Meeting SEL re decision to run in election

1958-03Mar10 SEL Minutes re assignments to CCF and SEL election work

1958-04Apr5 Vancouver SIC Minutes Branch Conference: agenda

1958-07July30 SEL Minutes: correspondence and educational program

1958-08Aug13	SEL Minutes: documents and delegates to CCF convention
1958-08Aug20	SEL Minutes: Union reports; Public meeting called off, int. educational
1958-08Aug27	SEL Minutes: (UAW) civic labor slate motion to Labor Council; forums
1958-10Oct15	SEL Minutes CCF Ontario convention report; Tate arrested
1958-10Oct15	Toronto city election results analysis
<b>1959-SEL-Toronto</b>	
1959-01Jan24	SEL letter by Ernest Tate re his civil rights case for unions support
1959-01Jan28	SEL Minutes: PAC-CCF conferences & nominations for executive
1959-02Feb4	SEL Minutes: brother of member refused CCF membership as Trotskyist
1959-02Feb25	SEL Minutes: union conference to discuss labor party; Forum speakers
1959-03Mar18	SEL Minutes: CCF membership refusal; CCF work, new contacts
1959-04Apr22	SEL Minutes: Trade Union-PAC, union-CCF election conference; unions
1959-05May27	SEL Minutes: CCF riding reports, UAW PAC, Vanguard tour
1959-06June3	SEL Minutes: Kent on organizing Rubenstein meeting; Sub drive, CCF
1959-06June10	SEL Minutes: Internal educational lineup; CCF reports
1959-10Oct3	Report: "CCF Orientation" by E. Strong: policy review and evaluation
1959-10Oct99	Report "Youth Group Report" : reconstructing CCF group
<b>1960-SEL-Toronto</b>	
1960-02Feb24	SEL Minutes: External meeting on Cuba, discussion on new contacts
1960-03Mar30	SEL Minutes: Forum "Negros on the March" & youth picket line; CCF
1960-05May11	SEL Minutes: Kent on Cuban situation, CCF seminars, Youth march
1960-7July6	SEL Minutes: youth anti-bomb shelter picket line; new recruits
1960-10Oct12	SEL Minutes: Educational lineup; CCF & Labor Council PAC meetings
1960-11Nov2	SEL Minutes: Youth holding Cuba picket lines, Teamster caucus, CCF

1960-12Dec21 SEL Minutes: CCF candidate search; unemployed work, anti-nuclear

1948

PC MINUTES JULY 1 / 48  
Present RD, MB

Discussion on the suspension by the Toronto branch of PC member G. Stanton. Motion made of concurrence, and that Stanton be suspended from NC pending decision of National Convention. Motion that NC members be informed of the background of the case by the National Secretary.

Discussion on the PC. M. Dowson's withdrawal to Montreal and now Stanton's suspension leaves only two on PC, ~~one~~ of these having been coopted. PC is necessary for the functioning of the party but if it is to function it is required to contain at least three comrades. In view of the fact that another coopted member would not be an NC member and this would leave only one NC member on the PC, motion that NC be asked to empower the cooption of a leading party comrade from the Toronto branch to the PC.

Report on invitation from SWP to send fraternal representation to their convention in NY on July 1 week-end. National Secretary has asked MB if he can attend on behalf of Canada. Several Toronto comrades attending. SWP informed.

Motion that in view of the fact that we have decided to publish IC as a monthly during July and August, that we incur the extra expense required to publish the Manifesto of the World Congress as a leaf insert in the July issue. Report that the Quatriens International carries a document entitled The World Situation and the Tasks of the 4th International. (general political resolution). This will probably appear in the June F.I. Recommendation that when we receive the F.I. Translation of the latter, we consider ~~that~~ whether it is preferable to publish it in IC rather than Manifesto appearing in Militant.

Discussion on party convention which is ~~islated~~ by constitution to be held this fall. Motion that N.C. members be polled as to the possibility of their attendance and the possibility of the branches of which they are members being able to send delegates. The CCL Convention is taking place this Fall in Toronto. Will some of the comrades be delegates? If so, how many? Vancouver-Toronto return fare \$150.

Motion that Natl Sect enquire of MB if he has been able to draw up the Declaration of Principles.

Motion that Natl Sect be assigned the task of preparing Tasks and Perspectives of the RWP.

Motion that funds be advanced to the Literature Account to permit extensive purchases from the Indian section who fear that their stocks may fall into undesirable hands.

Convention discussion---Report from B.C. N.C. members that it is yet nearly for them to know whether any comrades would be delegates to the CCL convention in Toronto Oct. 11th. Situation does not look too good. The Vancouver branch is not likely to be in a position to raise the expenses of a delegation (train fare return for one roughly \$150.). For the Prince Rupert branch it appears to be totally out of the question. The P.C. is of the opinion that the convention hinges on the ability of the Vancouver branch to obtain delegates for the CCL gathering or the branch financing three delegates. Whether they will have CCL delegates or not should be known by Sept. 1st. If we are unable to have such representation from the Vancouver branch the P.C. recommends that we postpone the convention. If we are compelled to postpone the convention the P.C. recommends that the National Secretary be sent on a national tour calling at Vancouver and as many other points across the country as is practicable. Motion that the decision to present a document entitled Tasks and Perspectives be withdrawn. P.C. of the opinion that instead four documents be drafted for discussion by the party and that they be entitled and assigned as follows: 1. French Canada J.B. 2. Trade Union Question..Vancouver, 3. Perspectives of Canadian Capitalism and 4. The LPP and the CCF... National Office. The comrades assigned are notified that their documents must be submitted to the N.O. by September 1.

Discussion on Labor Challenge. General opinion that the twice monthly paper is too great a tax on the party. The Toronto branch is so deeply involved in the production of the paper that it constitutes a barrier to the growth of the branch. Two Toronto comrades, important contributors to the paper and one who plays a key role in its production, are leaving the country before the end of the year which will throw an increasing burden on the N.O. Financially we have only managed to keep our heads above water by skipping issues in the past year. Motion that the P.C. recommends to the N.C. that we formally revert to the publication of a monthly paper and that we publish a supplement making it a twice monthly from time to time as the occasion demands it, that when ~~when~~ the strength of the party merits it we return to a twice monthly paper. Motion that the National Secretary present a detailed financial report to the N.C. members for the period of the last six months.

Manifesto of the Second World Congress. Decision to write the South and suggest that since we are carrying it in L.C. in 2 col. 10 pt type that the Canadian party publish the Manifesto as a pamphlet for our joint use. Comrade assigned to investigate costs of publication and supply details to the South for their consideration.

Report of Vancouver branch discussion on R. Young newly elected CCF MP and our attitude towards him. Branch opposed to Nat'l Secretary's advice that we ~~do not~~ do not publically declare that he is not a Trotskyist as declared in the Stalinist and capitalist press. Report from Vancouver branch read on whether he is a centrist or right-winger. P.C. of the opinion that this question involves our whole attitude to the CCF and a possible development of a left wing, and that the question must be approached from this point of view and not Young or his political direction. Motion that a statement be drawn up on this question.

Report by M.D. on Montreal situation. Assignments made for the first issue of a French language mimeographed paper. Branch has been formally set-up. Intends to concentrate its forces in one of the CIO union where favorable situation exists and where we have already two comrades. The branch has a group of good French-Canadian contacts and will probably conduct classes this fall. Opportunities for growth very favorable.

Report of Nat'l Sec. on Party attempts to utilize Tito-Stalin rupture.

# N.C. Financial Statement from February 1 1948 to July 31, 1948

## Sustaining Fund

Feb-	March	April
Toronto 150.00	Toronto 150.00	Toronto 150.00
Vancouver 101.75	Vancouver 35.70	Vancouver -----
Prince R. 1.00	Stromstown 10.00	Prince R. 5.00
✓ Milnes L. 20.00	Milnes L. 20.00	✓ Milnes L. 20.00
Montreal 122.30	Windsor 40.00	Montreal 94.00
		Windsor 55.00
<u>325.05</u>	<u>255.70</u>	<u>324.00</u>
May	June	July
Toronto 150.00	Toronto 70.00	Toronto 110.00
Vancouver 40.00	Vancouver 40.00	Vancouver 48.00
Britannia 2.50	Lloydminster 5.00	Milnes L. 20.00
✓ Wagna Bay 2.00	Prince R. 7.00	
✓ Milnes L. 20.00	Wiston 2.50	
Montreal 25.00	Moan Lake 20.00	
Windsor 40.00	Milnes L. 20.00	
<u>279.50</u>	Windsor 156.50	<u>178.00</u>
	<u>321.00</u>	

Average monthly sustaining fund receipts  
for the above period

292.21

Average monthly expenditures for the above period

Rent	15.00	
Light	2.00	
Heat	7.99	
Phone	7.85	
Wages (one person on pay)	87.00	
Mailing paper	3.87	8 issues
Printer	164.00	for publication of 8 issues
To Fourth International	5.00	averaged out over 6 months
	<u>292.71</u>	

Outstanding debt at July 31 approx 500.00 (451.42 owing to our printer)

Cash on hand 334.44

Toronto branch owes National Office 162.72 for advances made during Mayoralty campaign

Sunday July 8 - 1951 - Special Convention Branch Meeting.

Attendance - 7 comrades present - B, M, R, E, R, L, Ken  
Louis elected chairman

Agenda - International Question, CCF's our tasks, the  
McAlpine contribution on Quebec, the Minority Resolution,  
Toronto Branch + suspended members, Organizational Resolution  
of Roslund.

Ninth Plenum resolution presented by Louis - discussion  
Doug presented some views of his on Pol Res, CCF position -  
discussion.

- Meeting adjourned at 10 to 3 for half hour lunch period.  
Meeting adjourned at 6.00

Wed - July 11

Motion to endorse Pol. Res. 5 in favor - 2 against  
Motion to endorse McAlpine amendment on Quebec. 6 to 1 against.

Motion to endorse Minority Resolution - defeated ~~5~~ 5 to 2.

Letter read from N.S. <sup>(for VC)</sup> giving convention representation - 1 for every 4 and  
every major part thereof.

For branch - 15 members, 4 delegates  
proportion in relation to vote - 3:1

Nominations for majority delegates - Ross, Ken, Barry

Motion accept nomination for Joe Rose as Minority delegate - carried

Motion that Toronto branch go on record as calling on convention  
to expel Comrade Rose: 4 for, 1 against, 1 abstention.

New Business: Ross reported on convention arrangements.

Good + Welfare:

T.V.: report by Doug. Report by Ross on Am. Wierbaund

Meeting adjourned 11:10

WED. JULY 25, 1951

Comrade Henderson was elected Secretary

Comrade D. James was elected Chairman

### CORRESPOND.

A letter dated July 25th from the N.O. was read re the 2nd National Convention and the tasks facing the Party. The letter told of the launching of the sub campaign Aug. 1 to Sept. 1 on a point system, 1 point for each paper sold and 6 points for a 6 month sub. The N.O. is giving a special prize for the highest sub getter. Monroe moved the letter be filed - motion carried.

### ATTENDANCE

11 Comrades Present: M. Stewart; R. Dowson; G. McMann; B. Monroe; D. James; Grenier; K. McAlpine; J. Henderson;

Comrade J. Kelly - PAC meeting

" KIM Davids - sick

" B. Brent - out of town for a period

### MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

The Executive recommended leaving Bernie's membership for a while as he is working nights and unable to attend meetings - carried. Comrade Gil McMann was welcomed into the Branch. Comrade Ross said there are few contacts that comrades should call on if they have time. Comrade A. Scouler was discussed. Comrade M. Stewart moved someone be struck off to see comrade A. Scouler - carried. Comrade B. Monroe was elected to see comrade A. Scouler.

### DUES & PLEDGES

DUES: ~~XXXXXX~~ J. Kelly 50¢ B. Monroe 50¢; J. Henderson 20¢ G. McMann 50¢  
Dow 50¢

Pledge: J. Kelly \$1.00; R. Dowson \$1.00; B. Monroe \$1.00; G. McMann \$1.00  
M. Stewart \$4.00

### CCF FRACTION

The CCF Clubs and P.A.C. were discussed. ~~XXX~~

### EDUCATIONALS, CLASS & FORUMS

The Executive recommended 3 internal educationals: Report on the 2nd RWP Convention; An Outline on the Class on Capital given at Mountain Spring; and The British Labor Party. Comrade Ross moved we adopt these educationals - motion carried. The speakers ~~XXXXXX~~ assigned to the ~~XXXXXX~~ educationals were: Comrade ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ K. McAlpine on the Convention; Comrade E. Dale on the Outline on Capital and and Comrade ~~XXXX~~ on the British Labor Party

The Executive recommended we start a class on Capital starting about the middle or late part of September. A few of the comrades are going to the U.S. and will bring back the outline they are using for a similar class there - this recommendation was moved and carried.

A proposal made by comrade ~~XXXX~~ that we have internal educationals on basic Marx and Lenin works and build up from that instead of disjointed internal educationals on various subjects was referred to the Branch Executive.

The Executive recommended we hold a public ~~XXXXXX~~ Trotsky Memorial Meeting at the office - carried. Comrade Ross moved we hold it Monday Aug. 20th - carried

The Executive recommended Comrades R. Dowson and K. McAlpine be Speaker and Chairman - carried There will be a general mailing for this meeting.

### SOCIAL

It was moved and carried we hold a picnic Aug. 12th at Wards Island and meet at 2 p.m. - carried

### TRADE UNION

Comrade *Doug* gave a report on the possibility of the CIO moving into the Hyde - they are waiting until May when the contract expires and are going to try to split the office workers off from the workers - he is receiving literature from the CIO and distributing it in the Hyde.

Grenier reported they are waiting for certification at Wire Bound. The I.W.A. is going to try to establish PAC's in the I.W.A. locals

### SUB CAMPAIGN

The Executive recommended we start the Toronto Campaign Aug. 15th to Sept. 15 - motion defeated. Comrade R. Dowson moved we start Aug. 1 to Sept. 1 - motion carried. Comrade Ross moved we set a quota for the Toronto Branch of 1,000 points - carried. Comrade ~~XXXX~~ J. Kelly will act as campaign manager the 1st week and comrade K. McAlpine the balance of the campaign. Other details regarding the campaign were referred to the campaign managers.

### INTERNAL EDUCATIONAL

Comrade K. McAlpine gave the internal on "The 2nd National Convention of the RWP"

Comrade J. Henderson moved we adjourn - carried.

Wed. Aug. 15, 1951

Comrade Ed elected chairman.

Comrade McMann elected temporary secretary.

Comrades present: Ed, ~~Woods~~, McAlpine, Ross, Munroe, Grenier, McMann.

absent: K. Davids, sick; E. Hames, Dick, working;

Henderson and Kelly - vacation.

No minutes on hand from previous meeting.

#### Correspondence:

A letter dated Aug. 13 from Ross was read re the sub. campaign motion to file carried.

Members ~~Excerpts from the~~ moving sub-getters letter read.

#### Membership and contacts

Patty is to be visited

Bernie quit his job

#### Educationals

McAlpine's report from the executive was given. There was a discussion on content of internal educationals - whether they be on current problems or continuous class internals. Motion that the executive's report for current problems be sustained carried 3 to 2.

Ross suggested not to bring this topic up again for some time.

Coming educationals: The Permanent Revolution in the Near East

by Ross For tonight - later pushed ahead one week due to lateness

British Labour Party - Dick - Aug. 22 -(29)

P.A. C. - Kelly Aug. 29 (Sept. 5)

Forum - Mon. 8 P.M. Aug. 20, 1951

Myra's tour Sept. 17, 18, Mon. & Tues.

meet

McAlpine made a motion the the "Capital" class/start at least twice before Myra arrives. carried

McAlpine - recommendation of executive for night of class to be Sunday - motion. Amended: That this be deferred to the next meeting to decide night but preferences be noted by Secretary tonight. Other alternatives were Monday night and Sunday morning.

A motion to accept the executive report was carried.

#### Dues and pledges

Dues: McMann 50¢, Munroe 50¢

Pledges: R. Dowson \$1.00, McMann \$2.00, Ed ~~1.00~~, Munroe \$2.00

#### Trade Union and P.A.C.

Grenier reported that they had won the vote for a new shop in the union. ~~text removed~~

A plywood plant in Quebec, unorganized, went on strike and 70 plus a possible 40 were signed up by Dionne

Publication is being resumed of the Eastern Canadian - a Bilingual paper.

Ross discussed the I.W.A. local #1217 and the work orientation of the party in B.C.

Ken suggested that we send people into Canada Wirebound but Grenier said that they are laying off now. The turnover is very ~~at~~ high.

Ross reported that Dick is in Packing house and a fraction can be worked up there.

Social - report of picnic by Ross to the effect that it was a good picnic but there were few people present.

#### Good and welfare:

Ross discussed the Forum for Monday night, and ~~that~~ that work on the headquarters is needed before that time.

Sub Campaign - report by McAlpine that in one month 226 of the 1000 points were made which is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the quota in  $\frac{1}{2}$  the time. The individual and group scores were displayed on a poster.

moved by McAlpine

It was ~~decided~~ that a Rally be held: Aug. 16, Thurs., 7:15 at Lansdowne and Queen

and one on Sat. Aug. 18, 1:30 PM at the headquarters.

carried.

Munroe suggested ~~that~~ a "New Reader's Night", particularly for people in the vicinity of the headquarters be instituted. - suggestion referred to the Campaign Director.

#### New Business - A paper discussion was held.

Since it was about 11 PM., the educationals were all moved up

WED. NOV. 14. 1951

Comrade B. Monroe was elected Chairman

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESP.

A letter dated Nov. 8th from the NO regarding the financial campaign was read. Comrade R. Dowson moved the letter be filed - carried.

ATTENDANCE

7 Comrades present

Comrades: G. McMann; R. Dowson; M. Stewart;  
K. McAlpine; K. Davids; B. Monroe &  
J. Henderson

Comrade D. Pratt at the first meeting of his local

" James & Richards - working

" J. Kelly - baby sitting

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

The Financial Report for the month of Oct was read and adopted.

FINANCIAL DRIVE

There is approximately 2 weeks to go and the standing is thus:

Internally:	Pledge	\$377.00	out of which	Collected	\$288.00
Externally:	"	35.00	"	"	41.50

Total Pledge \$412.00 Collected \$329.50

There was a thorough discussion the financial drive and our work in the CCF campaign. The comrades were asked to complete their lists by next week.

SOCIAL

Comrade R. Dowson moved we refer the question of a social for Sat. Nov. 24th to the Executive - carried.

EDUCATIONALS

The educationals approved are listed as follows:

Nov. 28th	K. McAlpine	"The Analysis of the Ont. Elections"
Dec 5th	K. Davids	"The political analysis on current events in the foreign field"
" 12	B. Monroe	"Trade Unions"

CCF

Comrade R. Dowson reported comrade E. Dale is in charge of the committee rooms for his riding - the campaign looks good and they have a pretty good chance of winning.

Comrade K. McAlpine reported there are about 12 active people in St. George and he is canvassing a block - the left wingers resent the Trade Unions in the CCF

Comrade K. Davids reported they are putting on a good campaign at Dovercourt - most of the activists there are older people but trade unionists

Comrade M. Stewart reported they did a distribution at Greenwood which 15 people attended

Comrade J. Henderson reported comrade Kelly was working at the Parkdale committee rooms and they have a list of about 20 packinghouse people in the district and they gave him a name of one man who is distributing in the campaign

Comrade K. Davids reported Eamon Park has a list of 6 or 7 young people in the district who are disgusted with the CCYM who he wants comrades Davids and James to get together after Christmas and study basic Marxism and build a group

## TRADE UNION & PAC

Comrade Davids reported comrade James <sup>general</sup> got Dowling to write a letter to all the packinghouse workers urging them to act in the campaign and he enclosed a <sup>specific</sup> letter of his own and sent them to about ~~25~~ <sup>125</sup> packinghouse workers in Dovercourt. Comrade James also did a distribution at ~~XXXXXX~~ Swifts - They are holding a PAC meeting for Canada Packers on Monday night. Comrade Stewart reported they did two distributions of PAC leaflets at Tip Top. Comrade Dowson reported comrade Grenier has been asked by the IWA to let up on election work.

## NEW BUSINESS

The store has been opened and is going very favorably - an ad was in the paper ~~XX~~ Sat. night and 5 people dropped in from Fri. to Wed. - most of them just passing by.

The Oct issue of Labor Challenge was discussed.

Comrade J. Henderson moved we adjourn - carried.

## NO INTERNAL EDUCATIONAL

NO MEETING WED. NOV. 21st - C.C.F. ELECTION EVE

FRIDAY, MARCH 7th, 1952

8:00 PM

Comrade Grenier was elected Chairman.

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The Minutes of Feb. 22nd were read and adopted. The Minutes of Feb. 29th were read and adopted.

ATTENDANCE: 8 comrades present. Comrades: C. Richards; E. Dale; M. Stewart;  
R. Dowson; K. McAlpine; Fitzgerald;  
Grenier & J. Henderson

Comrade T. Hay - Hospital  
J. Kelly - "  
D. James - working

#### MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

Comrade Fitzgerald requested his name be added to the Toronto Branch membership rolls.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Sec. read the financial report for the month of February. Comrade R. Dowson moved it be accepted - carried.

The Executive recommended that from the report of the pledges owing during the last 7 months by the individual comrades that we have an internal pledge drive to clean up these amounts before the 1st of May. This will be extra and above their present pledges. There is over \$50.00 owing from unpaid internal pledges.

#### SUB RENEWAL

Comrade R. Dowson moved we close the Sub Renewal Drive - carried. Comrade Henderson reported completing her map but receiving no renewals. Comrade R. Dowson reported he was out Sunday and got 4 1 yr renewals and sold 2 pamphlets.

#### SOCIAL

Comrade Fitzgerald moved we postpone the Social for tomorrow night and hold it Sat. March 15th - carried. Comrade R. Dowson moved we approach the Evans and Coffeys ~~XXXXXX~~ re having their place for the social - carried.

#### EDUCATIONAL, FORUM & CLASS

The Executive recommended we have the April 25th internal on "Economic Trends in Canadian Capitalism" - motion made by comrade K. McAlpine - motion carried. Comrade J. Kelly was elected speaker. ~~XXX~~

Comrade K. McAlpine moved we change the forum on "Socialist Canada" from March 16th to March 23rd - carried.

Comrade K. McAlpine moved we have a Chairman for this forum - motion lost. There was a discussion on the nature of comrade R. Dowson's internal.

#### CCF

Comrade M. Stewart reported attending the Bevan Forum and Sanderson spoke pro-Bevan. He met a good ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ CCF contact there who may join Greenwood. Huggett is planning discussion groups twice a month and the first one was on Marx. The next one is going to be on Debs from the "Bending Cross". About 12 people attend these groups.

Comrade K. McAlpine was on a drive to canvas the district regarding health, hospitalization questionnaire.

Comrade Grenier went to Woodsworth House last week ~~XXX~~ for membership and got his card in the mail on Monday.

Comrade Henderson reported on the social the Parkdale club had. 28 people there with about 6 under 30 and the rest over 50. They are not going to hold regular meetings but going to concentrate on social evenings to get out of the hole.

The Executive elections are coming up on the 27th of the Month at which there is a possibility of taking a post.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ It was moved by comrade R. Dowson that comrade C. Richards should join St. George CCF and that the Branch make the advance if ~~presented~~ motion carried.

There was a discussion on the position on the NATO defense budget by the CCF National Council.

#### TRADE UNION

Comrade Grenier reported that Can. Wirebound have signed. They are going to try to organize Hancock and John B. Smith

#### NEW BUSINESS

Comrade R. Dowson reported that ~~XXX~~ Local 1000 (Eatons employees) were in and bought quite a few books from the store. Comrade Grenier says the I.W.A. has established a library and the Can. Director is relying on the Toronto Labor Bookstore for their books.

Comrade J. Henderson moved we adjourn - carried.

#### FRI. MARCH 14, 1952

Comrade B. Monroe was elected Chairman

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

#### CORRESP.

A letter dated March 9th to the Branches regarding Party activity was read. A discussion followed on the Toronto Branch's orientation regarding entry. Comrade D. James moved the letter be filed - carried.

#### ATTEND.

10 comrades present.

Comrades C. Richards; R. Dowson; M. Stewart; K. McAlpine; Fitzgerald; D. James; G. McMann; Grenier; B. Monroe & J. Henderson

Comrade Pratt - working  
" Kelly - Hospital

#### SOCIAL

There will be a social at the office tomorrow night - a large mailing was sent out covering our contacts and financial list - there will be games, dancing and light refreshments.

#### CCF

Comrade K. McAlpine received his membership card. His club is having a general membership meeting on Monday. Sunday they are having a meeting at ~~XXXX~~ 2:30 at 24 Isabella regarding the membership drive.

Comrade R. Dowson reported he asked Gord to join the Party and the CCF

Comrade M. Stewart ~~xxxx~~ reported they had a very good discussion on Debs

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#### INTERNAL EDUCATIONAL

Given by Comrade D. James on "Stalinism"

Comrade G. McMann moved we adjourn - carried.

FRI, MARCH 21st, 1952

Comrade R. Dowson was elected Chairman

The minutes were not read as they were not available

#### ATTENDANCE:

10 comrades present.

Comrades C. Richards; G. McMann; K. Davids; M. Stewart  
K. McAlpine; B. Monroe; R. Dowson & J. Henderson  
Fitzgerald; D. Pratt

Comrade Grenier - working  
James - baby sitting  
Kelly - Hospital

#### MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

Comrade K. Davids moved we drop A. Scouler's name from the rolls and put it on the list of sympathizers - carried.

Comrade R. Dowson reported Joe M. said that a week Sun. the T.U. delegates are getting together with the CCF to establish some kind of relationship between them. We may be able to arrange some kind of a meeting with former Party members in the T.U.'s beforehand. We will have about 5 ex-Trotskyists delegates to the T.L.C.

Comrade Dowson also reported a fellow came to the bookstore and is bringing a few friends to the forum on Sunday.

#### SOCIAL

No outsiders attended our social on Sat. The Social Committee is lining up a book sale and movie social - ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

#### T.U.

Comrade Pratt reported they went before the Labor Relations Board and the judgement was reserved. He will probably be a delegate to the T.L.C. if they are certified.

Comrade Richards is starting at Hinde & Dauche

#### CCF

Comrade Pratt reported they are holding a series of discussions lead by Underhill; Lewis & Thomas and Jolliffe

Comrade Henderson reported on the Sunday membership meeting at which comrade Stewart also attended - there were over 100 people there - Henderson was given 26 names to contact.

Comrade Stewart reported on his clubs membership meeting - practically all last years officers were re-elected - 4 or 5 leftists are going to be delegates to the convention.

Comrade McAlpine reported St. Paul's had there membership meeting - A. Scouler is active in his club - They had about 40 people volunteer to go out on the membership drive which meant about 6 names per person. Comrade McAlpine is a delegate to the Convention.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the dissolving of the Toronto Branch. Comrade Fitzgerald moved the Toronto Branch go on record as favoring the dissolution of the R.W.P. - motion carried unanimously.

The Branch Executive recommended to the P.C. a thorough examination and analysis of our position in L.C. in a series of 2 or 3 issues ending with the announcement of the dissolution of the R.W.P. Comrade B. Monroe moved a amendment that a good part of the next issue of L.C. be printed with a full analysis of the dissolution - amendment carried. Comrade K. McAlpine who abstained on the amendment vote asked the Sec. to record he was opposed to the amended motion.

#### GOOD & WELFAIRE

Comrade R. Dowson reminded the comrades of the books they borrowed from the Library and asked them to return them as quickly as possible.

Comrade J. Henderson moved we adjourn - carried.

THURS, APRIL 24, 1952

Comrade J. Kelly was elected Chairman

Comrade G. McMann was elected Sec.

The Minutes of March 28th, April 4th, April 9 and April 15th were read and adopted. Comrade Fitzgerald moved the question of what happens to the old Minutes be referred to the Executive - carried. It was suggested that Minutes previous to the last 6 months be destroyed.

ATTENDANCE:

9 Comrades present. Comrades: James; McAlpine; Richards; Kane; Fitzgerald; Munroe; Dale; Kelly; & McMann  
Comrades Stewart, Henderson & Davids - absent with reason

CORRESPOND.

A letter dated April 22nd from M. Stein with a press release with regard to the Trucks Law was read. Comrade James moved the letter be filed - carried. Comrade Kane moved a message of solidarity to retain their civil liberties be sent to the Detroit comrades - carried. Comrade Monroe moved that L.C. give publicity scandalizing the law - carried.

SOCIAL

There will be a social Sat. April 26th. Comrade Kane moved the Executive consider holding a movie night in the office soon - carried.

EDUCATIONALS

Comrade Kane moved we leave the educations for May 1st and instead have a May Day educational - carried. Comrade Monroe was elected speaker for this educational -

The Educationals stand as follows: May 15 - "The Role of the Individual In History" by comrade Richards. May 29th "Economic Conditions in Canada" by comrade Kelly. The Executive recommended an educational on "Current Social Problems Facing Toronto Workers and which May be Faced in the CCF". Comrade Kane moved that topics be handed out one per person for 5 minute talks. Comrade Fitzgerald amended that 4 topics be taken for 5 or 10 min. talks - amendment carried. The topics and speakers will be: "Housing" by comrade McAlpine. "Municipal Ownership of Milk, Bread & Gas" by comrade Dale. "Education" by comrade Richards. "Nursery Schools" by comrade McMann. The Executive recommended we have our new class on "Reform & Revolution" ~~IX~~ It was moved and defeated. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ The following were suggested topics for a class: British Labor Movement & China (3 Revolutions) - Labor Party (CCF & USA) from writings by Trotsky - Dialectical Materialism. The Capital Class will be held Monday night.

CCF

Comrades James and McAlpine gave reports of the CCF Provincial Convention.

TRADE UNION & PAC

There was a discussion with reference to comrades James report regarding Dowling's suggestion for an educational committee in the union.

NEW BUSINESS

The book stores debts were read to the comrades. The Executive recommended regarding the financial status of the Toronto Branch: ~~IX~~ that the N.C. give an outline of the financial situation and an appeal be made to the Branch. Amended that the N.C. give a specific object for the Branches for the next period to remedy the existing deficit - motion and amendment defeated.

A motion was moved and carried the financial problem be referred back to the Executive.

#### GOOD & WELFARE

The \$13.00 collected for books for the Branch and the specific books was referred to the Executive.

THURS. MAY 1, 1952

Comrade K. McAlpine was elected Chairman

No minutes available

ATTENDANCE: 11 comrades present.

/Comrades: Kane; Fitzgerald; Kelly; Monroe;  
Dale; Grenier; Stewart; McAlpine;  
Henderson; James & McMann  
Comrade Richards ~~XXXXXX~~ absent with reason

#### INTERNAL EDUCATIONAL

May Day Memorial - by Comrade Monroe

#### SOCIAL

No contacts at the last social. There was a discussion on future socials. Comrade Henderson moved socials be referred to the Social Committee - carried.

#### CCF

Comrade Stewart reported he gave a talk on Sun Yat Sen at the Greenwood study group - 12 people attended and there ~~XXXXXX~~ were favorable comments. His club is going to help in the by-election at Oshawa. Comrade James reported comrade K. Davids is Membership Sec. and he is Educational and Literature Convener for their club. They are going to do door to door canvassing for the membership drive starting next Thurs. Comrade James has about 9 men in his shop willing to join an industrial club of the CCF. Comrade Davids was asked to be a CCYM delegate to the Convention. Comrade Fitzgerald attended a panel discussion on South Africa at Woodsworth House - about 70 people there - he had a discussion with one of the CCF'rs there. Comrade McAlpine reported 3 cars from his club are going to Oshawa and help in distributions, etc. Comrade Henderson reported there is a split in the ~~York-South~~ <sup>YORK EAST</sup> Club over Temple - Comrade Henderson is on a resolutions Committee for the club but the committee is only allowed to draft and send in no-controversial resolutions.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A discussion on the paper ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and our immediate work was carried on.

Comrade Henderson moved we adjourn - carried.

Monday July 21, 1952

Meeting called to order 8:24 p.m.

Kane elected chairman

Attendance---9 present-T. Hay, Kane, Dale, Stewart, Richards, Fitzgerald, McAlpine  
Munroe and Kelly - 3 absent with reason-Davidson James, McMan

Proposed agenda adopted

Minutes read and adopted

Correspondence---none

Membership and contacts---nothing

Dues and pledges-- collected, Dues \$2 Pledges \$15 IS drive \$3

Motion by Kane "that the question of the separation of the secretary and treasurer be referred to the executive as the present arrangement did not appear to be working too well...carried

Social- Motion from the executive reported by McAlpine "We have an outdoor social at Hanlan's Point next Sunday at 2:30 p.m. carried

Motion by Stewart : "Two comrades be struck off to contact close friends and sympathizers about social" carried. Kelly and Dale

Educationals and Class; Motion by McAlpine that the August 25th educational be An Analysis of the CCF National convention carried

McAlpine nominated Kane on behalf of executive as speaker carried

CCF- Report by Richards on St. Paul. Discussion on resolutions that will come before the national convention, mostly international affairs and one to drop nationalization of the banks from the first term program

Report by McAlpine on the stands we took on these resolutions

On the question of the nationalization of the banks we were for the retaining of this demand in the program and explained the nature of the banks in monopoly finance capitalism. On the resolution in opposition to NATO we argued in support of the resolution from a legalistic point of view because of the nature of the resolution (support of UN) motion was lost 12 to 5

Motion by Kane to endorse the stands taken by our comrades in St. Pauls -carried

Reports by Kane and Stewart adopted

Fitzgerald raised the question of distribution of a leaflet advertising the book store at the CCF national convention. Motion by Munroe to do this offering a 15 per cent discount to all delegates. carried

Report by Stewart on CCYM bulletin asking for contributions to its pages

Moved by Kane Comrades Stewart and Hay be struck off to write letters to CCF News and to the CCYM bulletin-

During the lengthy discussion which followed the moving of the motion the chair ruled Munroe's remarks calling the proposal "artificial" and "contrary to our integration" out of order because the motion did not deal with the specific contents of the articles the comrades were being called upon to write. Comrade Kelly challenged the ruling of the chair because he felt the chair was interpreting the remarks of the comrade incorrectly. The Chair was upheld 5 to 3. Motion carried with five votes for, the rest abstaining.

Good and Welfare- Financial report on the IS Drive requested of the secretary

Motion to adjourn by Fitzgerald--passed

minutes of Wednesday, Oct 7/53

Chairman - comrade McAlpine

minutes - adopted as read - comrade McAlpine suggested that minutes should record the mover of motions.

Attendance - present were Williams, McAlpine, Kane, B Fitzgerald, Brady, Houston, Stewart,  
Absent with known reason were Davids, James, Hayes, Markin & Taylor

Memberships - Comrade Kane reported seeing comrades Markin and Taylor. These comrades signified their willingness to comply with the branches wishes that they should attend at least one branch meeting a month

Contacts - Comrade Kane reported on a contact made through Pratt who has been visiting the book store who considers himself a Marxist

Dues & Pledges - Collected a total of AS<sup>00</sup>

Educationals - comrade McAlpine reported on the proposed class on dialectics prepared by himself - Comrade Houston - 5 classes by two ~~periods~~ of 40 mins each, the last one to be one hour.

- 1 Formal Logic - Definition & development
  - Basic Laws
  - Limitations of these laws
- 2 Hegel's Revolution in Logic - Contradictory nature of Hegel's thought
  - Hegel's the revolution in the sciences
  - Role of philosophy
- 3 Dialectical Method (1) - Historical origin of Hegel's thought
  - Laws of the dialectics
- 4 Dialectical Method (2) - Difference between Dialectic & Formal logic
  - Marxist Dialectics & Hegelian Dialectics
  - Marx's criticism of Hegel
- 5 Application of Dialect Method - Hegelian & Dialectical Materialism
  - Dialectics in Nature, Science, economics & society.

The reporter recommended that comrades McAlpine & Houston take the classes. Carried

A motion by comrade Houston that the present regular educationals on current political & economic trends be dropped as a regular feature & allocated as desired - lost

CCF - Comrade Kane reported that he is working through his club executive to try and activate the membership in club activities.

- Comrade Houston reported attending a meeting of the Toronto District Council of the CCF and on discussions around coming local elections.
- Comrade Kane reported for comrade James the possibility that he might get a nomination for alderman. If he should fail it was suggested that comrade Daniels should try for nomination for Bd. of Education.
- Comrades Fitzgerald & Kane reported on meeting of Toronto Labor Citizens Committee - poor attendance reported - also inability to get endorsement of two candidates. - Motion by comrade Fitzgerald that we strive to get labor council to request that ~~the~~ a portion of the money turned over to the L.C.C. be given to candidates endorsed by council affiliates. - Passed.
- Comrade Brady reported on University Club. Leaflet drawn up by our comrades for Millard meeting was turned down. Our leaflet would have solidified the meeting with the striking miners. Meeting was a success with about 100 persons present.
- Comrade Williams reported on plans for study class to commence Tues, Oct 13/1. Comrade Williams also reported that he would run for Bd. of Education in the Dec. 10th civic elections.
- Motion by Comrade Kane that comrades who are running for office report in two weeks on a proposed program - Passed.

Good & Welfare - Motion by comrade Fitzgerald that a letter of thanks be sent to Alex Rosenbaum for radio he donated to the book store - Passed.

Business adjourned at 9:50 - Educational adjourned at 10:55

Minutes of Feb 23/54

- Rejection of Pabloite ultra.

Chairman: Comrade James

Minutes of Feb 9/54 adopted as read.

Business arising out of minutes - Kane reported on response from sections of the group on possible actions being instigated around the arrest of some Spanish workers. It was felt that we could not successfully raise the question since insufficient information was available from sources considered "respectable". Kane reported that the Br. Labor Party had asked to have representation at the hearing. It was suggested that this could provide the lever we were looking for.

Correspondence - Motion to refer to bottom of Agenda.

Attendance Present were comrades: Williams, James, Kane, Mackin, McAlpine, Campbell, Davids, Houston, Taylor, Fitzgerald, Brady, Stewart, Hay - Absent with known reason, Ford, Dale

Membership & Contacts: - Fitz reported A.M. on labor council and seemed to take a Stalinist line on several issues.

- Houston reported on H. from Spadina. Kane reported he was coming down to office.
- Kane reported J.H. coming around office - seems to be good contact.

Dues & Pledges. Collected. \$9.00

Social: Taylor reported some Bayan comrades coming up Saturday and suggested a party social at his place. It was agreed that comrades only would be invited.

Educational: Motion that a PC document on "2 1/2 yrs of our integration in Mass Movement" be an educational presented by Kane in two weeks time.

CCF - Kane reported there would be a joint meeting of H.P. & Silverthorne Clubs during week.

- McAlpine reported attending St Pauls Study class. Discussion was on proposed first term program.
- Campbell reported attending C.Y. riding Assn meeting - 8-10 present
- Campbell proposed transferring his membership to C.Y. Passed

QCF - Davids reported on T & D convention. All our resolutions Passed. Pratt, Nauston, Davids elected to executive or committees. Nauston supplemented report.

- Nauston reported for youth fraction. 3 comrades were now full members of East End club. There is no need for a further concentration. Around 15 people attending Study Class. It was proposed that comrades keep in touch with ~~any~~ alleged former Trotskyist and that Mc Alpine not make any efforts to contact him. Plans under way to draw up resolutions for C & G M convention.

- Proposal by Kane that we attempt to make better use of youth paper by submitting articles. Report accepted.

- Brady reported on moves to right wing to keep him off club executive next year.

- Kane reported that Pratt wants to work closely with us through his post as chairman of Municipal Committee.

- Williams reported that his local riding desk was able to obtain a candidate.

- Campbell reported he had written a personal letter to expelled YP's asking for any literature they may have.

J. A. - F. H. reported on T. H. C. - Stalinists sent delegation down, the first in a couple of years. ~~James~~ ran for PAC, got 36 votes just missed election.

New Business - Kane reported that WS is definitely tied up with Rose's Committee. Motion that WS be included along with Rose in previous motion calling on comrades to refrain from discussing party affairs with them.

- Statement read by Kay & Signed by Kane, Kay, Davids, James, Stuart & Williams announcing formation of a faction of all comrades who support the political views as expressed in Open letter. ~~Statement by Kane~~

- Markin announced his desire to join the faction. ~~He also announced formation of faction in support of PAC & its program & called on comrades to join it.~~

- Correspondence from PC read stating the position of NC on the suspensions ordered by IEC. Motion by Davids that the Toronto Branch endorse the refusal of the NC to enforce the IEC suspension of leading members of the Canadian Party - For - 10 - Aye. 1 abstained - 2 - Meeting adjourned 12:00 clock

Minutes of Mar 24/54

Chairman: Comrade Campbell

Minutes: of March 10 & 17 read & adopted

Attendance: Present were comrades Williams, Campbell, Brady, Davids, Stewart, Hauston, Fitz, McAlpine, James, Kane, Hay  
Absent with known reason: comrades Ford & Dale

Membership & Contacts: Kane reported ~~that~~ he had worked out some resolutions with SH and that SH presented them to the Socialist Club. Appears to be coming very close.

Dues & Pledges: Collected 6.22

Educational: Motion by McAlpine that next branch educational be "The relation between the American & Canadian revolution to the world revolution and its implication for our perspectives"  
Kane stated that while he did not wish to defeat the motion he did not think this topic was a point of difference between the two factions. He therefore wished to register a mild protest in view of the short time remaining until the convention - Motion adopted unanimously -  
Minutes caucus to choose its speaker

CCF - Brady reported on H.P. resolutions committee meeting. 5 resolutions passed, some over opposition of W.H.

- Davids reported on exec meeting of Laverp. Club. Davids also reported on T.D. exec. meeting - The exec. has decided to hold mass meeting of unemployed in Labor Temple - A press release was issued on proposed McCarthy meeting but opposed an appeal to the labor council.

- Hauston reported that the issue of Brand was raised at the same meeting. The general feeling was that Brand was not acting in the best interests of the party. Fitz suggested that pressure be brought to bear on Brand by making him aware of the CCF's stand on various issues as they come up, and that press releases on various issues would also ~~serve~~ serve the same purpose.

- Hauston also reported on study class of Greenwood Club - good attendance

CCF

- McAlpine reported he was unable to attend last club meeting
  - Kane reported H.P. paper was coming out again - There will be a good article in it on the colonial revolutions
  - Williams reported on results of by-election. The total CCF vote dropped from 2500 to 2000. In Corkville itself the vote dropped from 11% last August and 17% for himself in Dec. to 8%. Drop seemed to be due to apathy on part of class conscious workers.
  - Kane suggested that all comrades get into memberships drive and join the meeting. This would be a good opportunity to integrate ourselves better.
  - Campbell reported on CCYM Prov. Exec meeting. A resolution on McCarthy meeting was passed. Campbell also reported on C.Y. Club meeting - Resolutions passed for Prov. convention
- I.U.: Fitz reported on T.H.C. - Thornley's resolution <sup>on counter meeting to McCarthy</sup> was opposed by executive - Fitz & James were both able to speak and present the idea of a picket line. Motion was lost.
- Brady reported U.I.T. executive had decided to issue a leaflet & form a U.I.T. picket line
  - Hay reported passing motion at his local union calling on two labor bodies to set up joint committee to take action on McCarthy meeting
  - McAlpine reported on his local union meeting - Movies & contract demands were discussed - unable to bring up motion on McCarthy meeting.

New Business: Campbell announced he was joining the majority caucus.

- Hay announced a notice of motion to elect delegates to 3<sup>rd</sup> national convention
- Motion by Kane that the Toronto Branch go on record as urging the Canadian Convention establish formal relations with the International Committee of the Fourth International,

a committee which already encompasses in its ranks the Chinese, Swiss, New Zealand, French (Bluetten) and British (Burns) sections, and which has been organized because the International secretariat of the Fabians has forfeited its authority for its activities of revising Trotskyism and liquidating "The International".

Motion passed 8 to 3

- Motion that the educational on the CCF document "2 yrs of Entry" be given at special meeting on Sunday evening, 7:30. Carried. Kane suggested that the minority give the educational - agreed.
- Motion that branch meeting nights be changed to Wednesday passed

Meeting adjourned: 11:00 clock

### Minutes of Special Meeting, Sunday, March 28: 7:30pm

Chairman: Comrade Kay

Attendance: Present were comrades: Williams, Fitz, Kane, Stewart James, Kay, McAlpine, Houston, Dale, Campbell, David. Absent with known reason, comrades, Ford, Markin, Taylor, Brady.

Educational: by Fitz on "2 yrs of Entry"

meeting adjourned: 10:00 clock.

Minutes of March 31/54

Opposition of Labrite minority

Chairman: Comrade Stewart

Minutes: Read and adopted

Correspondence: Letter from centre re. convention details read.  
Motion to accept & file carried.

Discussion on contents of letter - Part 1, convention assessment  
of \$ per employed member collected.

Kane reported that Toronto having 15 members would be  
entitled to 5 delegates. Kane reported majority caucus was  
agreeable to a 3-2 break down of delegates.

Motion that the minority caucus be instructed to nominate  
2 delegates & Majority 3 delegates - Provisionally: Passed.

Announcement of delegates will be at next meeting.

Attendance: Present were comrades Williams, Stewart, Brady,  
Fitz, Campbell, Davids, James, McAlpine, Ford, Kane, Hay,  
Houston. Absent with known reason - Dale, Marker, Taylor

Contacts: Kane reported Hor was coming around office more - was  
down Sat. afternoon & evening.

Dues & Pledge: Collected 30.50

Educational: Kane suggested the branch consider educational on  
the Transactional Program & a further educ'd on the CCF document.

CCF - Brady reported on H.P. branch meeting - most of the exec.

resolutions passed - Kane reported in detail on discussions  
in club around the resolutions.

- ~~Ford~~ reported on Youth Club - The club agreed to co-operate  
with U of T club on picket line at McCarthy meeting.

- James reported on a Savenport educational meeting on  
Nationalization - Recognition of Chinese Statist Regime and  
Penal Reforms.

- Davids reported on T & D unemployed Committee - Meeting  
arranged for April 12 - Davids reported the committee wanted  
Hay to give main speech. Kane suggested that Hay  
should not accept since he was marked as a Trotskyist

CCF - motion to refer matter to those comrades involved for reconsideration.

- Stewart reported on work he had been doing on membership drive & renewals work.

- Hauston reported that East end youth club meets Sunday. There will be election of officers & election of delegates to youth convention

TH-PH James reported on PAC meeting & his local - only 5 persons in attendance. The committee agreed to carry fight to local for more freedom to work and establishment of fund to be spent by committee as it sees fit - James mentioned the fact that the question of a per-capita tax to the PAC of the OFL was coming up. Kane suggested this matter be investigated further by James & a report be brought back to branch

New Business: Statement on aims & purposes of minority faction was presented by Hauston. Contained in the statement was a declaration by the minority that it would never be a part even as an objecting minority to any decision the convention might take to join the I.C.

Kane asked what the minority would do if the convention passed a motion to join I.C. Fitz stated that they, the minority, would immediately re-constitute the Canadian Section of the 4th International.

Motion by James that the Toronto Branch characterize the statement of the minority as one of disloyalty. Passed 8-3

Business adjourned 10:15

Educational - by Hauston on the relationship between the American & World revolutions

Minutes - Thursday August 12, 1954

R.D.

Present- Thorne, Spencer, Williams, Kane, Wells. Absent- James Hay (meeting held in Vancouver immediately following get-together so that the latter were unavoidably absent).

Motion by Spencer that the Toronto members of the national Committee constitute themselves as the political committee and that comrade Kane carry on as national secretary- passed unanimously.

Motion that Vancouver minutes continue to be forwarded to the ~~national~~ national committee members in the center for information and that henceforth the Toronto minutes be forwarded to comrade Wells as information to the NC members in Vancouver--passed. This exchange of information will allow ~~of~~ periodic reports to be given to the respective branches whenever it is thought to be useful or necessary. It is understood that it might be advisable to get additional information, amplification, prior to reports being given. It was agreed that we would continue to exchange tapes on matters thought to be of common interest.

Informal discussion was held on the matter of relations to be established between the center and members at large and these members at large and the functioning branches ~~immediately~~ immediately involved in the same general work, particularly work in the mass movement. It was agreed that duplicate copies of all letters sent out from the center to members at large in EC would be forwarded to Wells and that Wells would send duplicates of letter sent by her to members at large in the EC area.

Discussion on series of pamphlets decided upon by the convention. It was agreed that a preliminary outline of the pamphlet be forwarded for discussion within the tops and that prior to publication that the final copy be submitted for discussion in the tops. It was agreed that the first pamphlet be the one suggested in the outline agreed upon by the convention.

Discussion on the broad left west coast journal. It was agreed that situation developing very favorably and that we should now move forward with this project.

It was agreed that we set ourselves the objective of lining up forces for the publication of a paper at this stage on a monthly basis financed and run on a co-op basis. A tentative date for publication of the first issue was set as 1st week in December. A list of names were gone through with a view to selecting from among them persons with whom we could work, who in various ways would aid in publication, circulation on such a paper etc. It was agreed to approach Hartely, Bullock, Bruce, Stupich, Moore, Flowerdew, Newman, Drummond, Winch(E) and Young. Meeting informed that Hartely well acquainted with problem of setting up co-op and he would be asked to get the detailed information on this matter. Bruce has had wide experience with publishing a paper and we would work out the details of this with him--it was agreed that we favored a small single fold tabloid.

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Minutes of Sunday Oct 24/54

Chairman: Comrade White

Minutes of Oct 14<sup>th</sup> read & adopted.

Attendance: Present were comrades: Williams, White, Kane, Ruth, Rick Stewart, Brady, Ray, Paul, Wallace, Scott, Campbell, Jane, David

Membership: Motion to welcome Ruth in the branch - Passed.

Dues & Pledges - Collected - \$10.22

CCF - Tape recorder put into operation so that Kane may get a better picture of the recent developments in our CCF work - Kane led off discussion - All of our members except Wallace received notice of charges from Prov. Executive - also six pamphlets - Prov. office obviously has 1951 and

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probably the 1954 document - circular letter sent to all club secretaries involved outlining the history of the Trotskyist movement (obviously taken from 1951 document). - Believes we cannot win case - cards stacked against us -

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the following tactical course should be followed.

1. Comrades involved fell into three categories
  - (a) Those most vulnerable (Hay, James, Davids, Stewart)
  - (b) Those in branch at time of split that Houston can definitely put the finger on (Lampbell, Brady,)
  - (c) Those not in branch at time of split and cannot be identified by Houston (Scott, Paul, Rick)
2. Group (a) could not go through trial - after exposing the frame up character of the charges & procedure we would walk out. Group (b) could go part way through trial using line of Group (a) and making certain demands and testing out the evidence. If demands are not met they would also walk out. Group (c) would probably be able to go further. Houston cannot positively identify this group and we may be able to cast some doubt as to his reliability in the minds of the Council. Group (c) will go through the trial as far as possible but excluding the probability of a conviction. We will walk out if & when this appears likely.
3. Motion that James resign in order to have the possibility of still working in the local PRC. Passed.
4. Motion that Rene contact Rose & arrange meeting of the persons involved in order to try & arrive at a common tactic. Passed.

(SEL Toronto Branch) MINUTES Friday, Oct. 29-1954

Chairman: Comrade Scott

Minutes: Minutes of Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> read. Kane (*R. Dowson –ed.*) noted that a tabled motion that Stewart, Hay and Davids resign rather than allow themselves to be expelled (*from the CCF –ed.*) was not recorded. Minutes adopted as corrected.

Attendance: Present were comrades Williams, Scott, James, Kane, Hay, Campbell, Ruth, Brady, Davids, Rick. Wallace absent with known reason.

Dues & Pledges: collected \$10

CCF: General report by Kane on what transpired during week. E.Y. (*East York?*) club executive met and sent letter to Provincial executive asking for a proper indictment of charges against Campbell & Scott; also asking for the right to have an observer at the trial. Rosedale Youth club met during week & sent letter to Prov. Youth Executive condemning expulsions, demanding right of innocence until proven guilty; club refused to recognize the expulsions. Scott obtained legal council (counsel) for trial – Report on meeting with Rose Group – They are going to throw themselves on the mercy of the court, confessing past sins and in the process acting as state evidence, backing up Houston's evidence – Kane reported putting considerable pressure on Rose, but unable to move him.

After considerable discussion and in the light of the latest developments, the following line as agreed on

- 1) James, Davids and Stewart to stay away from trial
- 2) Hay to appear for general charges – make a statement defending the right of Trotskyists to be in the CCF without making any concessions to the charges laid against him. After the statement he would walk out and not participate further.
- 3) Paul, Ruth, Campbell and Rick to go through the trial as previously, agreed upon.
- 4) Brad to make statement during general charges exposing the way the charges & trial were being conducted.
- 5) James not to resign as previously agreed on.

*(end of minutes on this date –ed.)*

Statement to Provincial Council  
Ontario Section  
30 thOctober 1954.

I first joined the C.C.F. in 1934. For the 20 years off and on I have been a card holder in the C.C.F. and by no means just a card holder, my services to socialism and the C.C.F. stand up with the best. Now just nine days ago the provincial executive presented me with charges which if sustained by you could result in my expulsion from the movement.

My alledged crime is that I belong to another political party, and thereby violating the constitution sec. I A art 3. The provincial executive has set itself the task to prove this charge. Suppose to their satisfaction they prove me guilty of this crime? This charge against 15 persons even if proved is to my mind extremely questionable to be labeled a crime.

Euthanasia-Mercy killing by present day society, by the constitution so to speak is labeled a crime, but to my mind and the minds of thousands of others (constitution or no constitution) mercy killing is no crime. The interests of humanity must come first.

I am accused of being a member of another political party, this was not always a crime in our party. Well on into the thirties people constitutionally, legally; belonged to the C.C.F. and another political party. Sam Lawrence was a member of the Independent Labour Party of Hamilton and the C.C.F. as the Winches in British Columbia were members of the Socialist Party of Canada and the C.C.F.

The day after our constitution was changed to no longer provide that one could be a member of the S.P. of C. and the C.C.F. are now going to label as criminals former members of the S.P. who get together to discuss C.C.F. matters? Are factions in the party to be outlawed? For that seems to me to be what is involved in this case. Don't tell me that certain persons in this hall right now don't exist as a faction in the movement, that certain persons don't get together to influence the course of events in our party, to promote slates in elections and to promote their own political points of view. But now you say that the constitution reads you can't be a member of another political faction, for it seems to me when we get down to it that is I and others are being charged with.

As far as I am concerned although I no part in it having left four years previously the Revolutionary Workers Party as a political opponent of the C.C.F. in any meaningful way was dissolved in 1952. It gave up its paper. It stopped running candidates. And I must point out that all the time I was in the R.W.P. it was never really an opponent party to the C.C.F. It always supported the C.C.F. maybe not certain day to day policies of our leadership but the broad socialist aims and objectives of the C.C.F.

Txx The persons on the executive committee who drew up the summary report knew quite well that this ~~matter~~ whole matter was an extremely debatable point. Formally speaking, constitutionally the charge could only be that I am a member of another political ~~faction~~ party, but the committee of the provincial executive was confronted with the unchallengeable fact that the Canadian Section of the Fourth International did dissolve as an independent political party.

The only other basis for expulsion from our party is the commitment of acts contrary to our fundamental principles and policies, but there are no acts that I have been charged with committing neither here to-day or in the C.C.F. club of which I am a member nor in my union where at all times I have to put forward the policies of the C.C.F.

This charge of membership in another political

party, suggests something underhand and evil That the person charged either lied when he joined or started to live a lie sometime after he had joined. This is being presented to you as good cause for their ~~expulsion~~ being driven out of the movement, but it is our constitution and the atmosphere that has been generated in our movement over the past years that presents us with this situation.

There are many C.C.Fers who due to the conservatism of the circles in which they move never admit to being members of the C.C.F. They live a lie, but who are we to condemn them. Wally Ross, a well known and highly respected member of our Ontario Section told worker members of an A.F.L. union a lie in order to promote the organizing of a C.I.O union. In his opinion this was, this lie was to the best interest of the workers in Kitamat, B.C. In the United States today due to McCarthyism hundreds of people who have had fleeting contact with radical movements, when called on the witness stand of senatorial investigating committees have been advised by liberal counsellors to refuse to testify about their past - to refuse to testify the truth -. What is the situation in our party? What is the situation which confronts dissident elements in the ranks? I think it must be frankly stated that there is a considerable pressure in the movement to force conformity. There is a particularly intensive campaign in the movement against our former tradition of an all-inclusive peoples' movement. At one time our party did not by any means decry Marxism, nor did it deny the class struggle.

Even suppose that you tend to be convinced by the evidence that is to be presented to you this afternoon, that there are not just right wing factions in the party but that there is a Trotskyist faction in the party, I seriously raise the question - so what?

To my mind the test of membership must be 1) Do you accept the object of the movement as laid down in Article 2-

"The CCF is dedicated to the establishment in Canada of a Co-operative Commonwealth which shall replace the present capitalist system, with its inherent injustice and inhumanity, by a social order from which the domination and exploitation of one class by another will be eliminated, in which economic planning will supersede unregulated private enterprise and competition, and in which genuine democratic self-government based upon economic equality will be possible."

- 2) Do you agree to subscribe to the principles and policies of the CCF as set out in decisions of the national and provincial conventions?
- 3) That one can be expelled or suspended from membership for acts contrary to the fundamental principles of the CCF.

Acts not intentions. Not motives. Not allegations presented by an informer dragged in by police methods in a witchhunt atmosphere.

I have read the material spread far and wide in the Grube, Newcombe Bryden committee, which is prejudicial to a fair hearing. Truly a scandalous document, a real McCarthyite document, picturing the Fourth International, of which the accused are alleged to be a part, as some kind of a conspiracy of bomb throwers, rehashing the old force and violence charge that the Globe and Mail continually slap at M.J. Coldwell and our party. It is easy to attack the Fourth International for it must appear to most of you as a mysterious, nebulous thing, but the document doesn't stop there. It attacks Trotskyism as a political ideology, as an authoritarian philosophy both undemocratic and unconstitutional.

Now it is well known that I am a Trotskyist and I might say at this time that the only occasion that I was a practiser and advocate of force and violence was when I donned the uniform of his Britannic Majesty, King George the Fifth in the year 1917. I was a Trotskyist when I first joined the CCF in 1934. And ever since then I have never in any way, shape or form hidden my views. That was what I liked about the CCF - that diverse points of view lived together, an in discussion hammered out a line and activities that we carried out together.

~~xxxx~~ If these expulsions go through, not just a formalistic upholding of Article 3, Section 4 will be won, but a presedent outlawing dissident factions will have been set, - a blow against internal democracy of the party will have been struck.

Regardless of the outcome of todays hearing, as a worker, conscious of my class position in society, and proud of it, either within the CCF where I desire to remain or outside its ranks, I will carry forward the ~~xx~~ struggle for the CCF objectives - a Socialist Canada.

For my part, Mr. Chairman, and fellow members, in view of the foregoing, and with the hope that you will throw out these outrageous charges I am withdrawing from this assembly.

Minutes - Sunday - Nov 7/54

- Kane for Mayor -

Chairman: Comrade Brady

Minutes - Left at store

Attendance: Present were comrades: Williams, Brady, Stewart, Scott, Rik, Wallace, White, Kane, Hay, Paul, Campbell - Visitors ArC  
Absent with known reason: Comrades James, Davids + R

Financial Report: For the month of Oct read & adopted.

Dues & Pledges: Collected \$25.<sup>00</sup>

Membership & Contacts: General discussion on contacts - Kane reported that Pratt has shown increased interest in the party recently - discussion on apparent split in Lockerman's group - agreed that there was no party material in the group.

Educational: Proposal that the educational consist of playing the Trotsky records - Passed. - Kane suggested the following topics for educationals:

1. The use & significance of language
2. Our attitude to Religion
3. Our answer to the charge of "Force & Violence"
4. How to think (The Dialectic)

- Motion to adopt & assign #'s 3 & 2 in that order to follow those already planned - Passed. #3 assigned to Paul - #2 assigned to Campbell
- Motion that #4 be assigned but no date set for presentation - Passed. #1 assigned to Williams - #4 assigned to Kane

Classes: Motion that next class be at Book store on Thursday - Passed.

Discussion on nature of Economics class to follow present class.

- Motion that economics class be as originally planned - Passed.

CCF - Discussion on Whites CCF memberships - Motion to refer to P.C. Passed. Motion that White get in contact with club in the area in which he will be living - Passed.

- Report by Kane on recent developments in the "witch hunt"

- Motion of censure against Prov. Executives by T&O council was not passed - A motion to send a delegation to next Prov. executive meeting to investigate the trial was passed. - Comrades who did not appear before trial are being treated by Council as if they did not have time to appear. This means

Nov. 7 (continued)

that we will probably be called before the Executive -  
It has been rumored that there is a list of 35  
names which the Prov. Executive has compiled.

- There were reports from the C.Y., H.P., Greenwood and  
Spadina Clubs

- Report on Rosedale youth club - 2 new people attended. There  
was a discussion on the possible moves by the Prov. Executive  
of the Youth. The following decisions were made.

1. If the <sup>Prov</sup> Executive demands that our comrades resign from  
club executives we will step down under protest.
2. If the Prov. Executive moves to lift the charter of the club  
we will reconstitute the club oriented to getting back  
into the CCYM.

- Motion that our comrades should appeal their expulsions  
to the CCYM executive - Tabled.

Trade Union: White reported that he was working in  
De Haviland - a UAW shop

New Business: Kane reported on recommendations from P.C. that  
the Toronto branch run Kane for Mayor - discussion - Passed.

- Motion to ask Ruth to run for Bd. of Education in Rosedale. Passed
- Motion to take no action on admissibility of James running - Passed
- Motion that next branch meeting be at 21 Ellis Edns. - Passed.
- Hay extended on behalf of P.C., congratulations to the comrades  
in the Toronto branch for their conduct during the witch  
hunt trials.

Educational - Playing of the Trotsky records  
meeting adjourned 11:20

① So round so firm so fully packed  
Want discussion  
Succinct

Been discussed fully

Probably be written different now

To some extent designed to smoke out Pablists  
Fundamentally though as would be written  
today

Doesn't hurt to emphasize + re-emphasize  
what our fundamental task is - building  
the revolutionary party -- purpose of  
our entry - against liquidation

Pablist or no Pablist - entry - particularly  
deep one-fraught with conciliatoryist +  
adaptationist dangers

Doesn't hurt to <sup>re</sup>affirm why we entered - to  
build the entry party - our conception  
of essentiality of entry party

1951 document examined relation of the class to  
the CCF. **Level of class consciousness** + experience, <sup>corrections</sup> <sub>entry</sub>

1954 examines the relation of the revolutionary  
vanguard to the CCF and its tasks  
in whole next period

1954-ed.

Emphasizes role of consciousness in history,  
essentiality of vanguard, of revolutionary  
leadership  
define tempo of development - but the course of development  
Page 3 para 3 not meant to

- ~~Ch-Epoxidation~~

Minutes of Meeting Jan 10, 1955

Motion - That we should ~~hold~~ hold educational first - case  
Educational was on Force & Violence by Comrade Paul. Meeting  
proceeded at 8:45

Chairman - Woods.

Chairman - Woods.  
Minutes of previous meeting read & adopted

Correspondence - none

Attendance Comrades Paul & George, Scott & Cameron, Grove & ~~Jennings~~ Jennings Langley, Timber Tent & White Carro Wallace were in attendance. Duke was visiting and it was reported Green was indisposed.

reported Green was indisposed.  
Membership & Contacts Discussion on Comrade Rick growing  
 out of organizers report. - Motion to accept report - carried  
 4-11-34 Comrade Rick be notified to

out of organizers report. - Motion to accept report.  
Notice of Motion - That Comrade Rick, be notified to  
 attend the next branch meeting & explain himself  
Financial Report - Reports for November & December where

attend the next branch meeting  
Financial Report - Reports for November & December were  
read & adopted.

James C. Pholger

Queen & George  
Educational There are three educational lived up when  
Kent's educational was included.

Class Report by Jennings of a very small attendance and a general discussion on conduct of the class followed:

followed.  
CCF Reports - Langley reported on latest developments  
 with McVay indicating he tended to be withdrawing  
Motion - That we proceed with document and submit  
 it to McVay. - carried after discussion  
 The draft document was submitted to the group

Motion that semi-public meeting be held Friday nite in lieu of regular Class and store be closed that evening.

C.C.F. Reports There was a summary of the proposed resolutions to be submitted to T&D council as proposed by the faction.

Report on the protest document by Kent. - document has been finished in committee & submitted to McKay. McKay has promised a covering document and we are waiting mailing.

YOUTH GROUP. Protest document is being distributed. Group have rent a new ~~large~~ meeting place and the educational program is under way. Formal letter received from CCYM executive that club charter has been lifted for not keeping expelled comrades from attending meetings that are declared nominally public. Report that Ron Irvine is preparing and taking steps to organize a new youth group in Greenwood. Carro reports he is a delegate to T&D council result of his attendance at Broadview - Riverdale club. Comrade George announced the calling of a ~~another~~ caucus meeting to discuss strategy.

Motion - That we adopt the main line of the document and that a committee of three polish up the document.  
- carried - Comrades Langley, Woods, & Kent were elected.

There were reports from East York & Broadview and Toronto District Council.

Motion That CCF members get together to draft resolutions to TDC convention of February.

There was a detailed report of Youth group activities by Comrade George and a general discussion. The youth group has not as yet been expelled or suspended from CCYM.

Motion That the article or document of protest of the expulsions of our people be proceeded with. That the being locked out of Woodworth house (the regular meeting place) be protested and that we do not inquire into the official status of the club in relationship to CCYM executive.  
- motion carried

Track Union - Report on Packinghouse & ~~the~~ VAW.

Motion - That White not stand as steward in union due to security plus the fact the executive of union is all right wing and its a defense plant.

• There was nothing more raised on the agenda and the meeting adjourned at about 10.45 PM.

A regular meeting of Rosedale CCF Youth was held on Tuesday, January 11, 1955. at the Workman's Circle, 206 Beverley St. Present were George Bryant, Len Soifert, Joe Rosenblatt, Jerry Horowitz, Bruce Batten, Bill Miller, Wally Mitchell, Ray Seigel and Ruth Houle.

The only item of business was a discussion by the club of changes they wished to make in the first draft of the "document" submitted by the document committee. After lengthy controversy it was finally amended to meet the approval of all. Out of the adoption of this letter there grew a discussion on methods to distribute it.

Moved that it be sent to the National Executive of the CCYM and to as many members in Ontario as we could locate. Carried.

Moved that Len S. and Ray S. attend South York Club's meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12th. to present the document and the club's case to the members. Carried.

Moved that Ray Coe and one other person attend East End Club's meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13th. to again present document and Rosedale's case. Carried.

Educationals - the educational on the Progressive Conservative Party was postponed until the next meeting as the person to whom it was assigned was unable to attend.

Moved Bruce B. that the three educationals on the P. C's, the Liberals and the Social Credit Party all be given at the next meeting since interest in these topics did not seem to be too high.

Headquarters - Ray Seigel reported that we could rent the hall at the Workman's Circle for \$50.00 per year. This was being offered at half price because of our lack of funds. Since at least three months rent per month was expected in advance because of this arrangement it was moved by that the sec.-treas. send \$12.50 to the Circle immediately. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at about 10:30 PM.

Minutes of Meeting March 15, 1955

Minutes - minutes of previous meeting accepted after a correction of a pseudonym.

No Correspondence

Attendance Jennings & Grover excused, all others present.

Financial Drive - Report by Green that approx \$216 collected from group and approximately \$46 from sympathizers Report adopted as progress

Social - motion to again postpone housewarming of headquarters as ~~the house~~ it is not quite ready.

Educationals - Booked two more weeks exclusive of to-nite - motion to postpone again Friday nite classes - carried

Forum - Discussion of topic produced suggestions of titles on Unemployment, Colonial Struggle & Canada's 50 Big Shots. It was generally agreed to table topic pending events in Labor Party on Revisionism.

~~Editorial~~

CCF Reports - Broadview - Riverdale report by Carro that nomination meeting contest between Gargrave & McVay for Provincial Elections - Gargrave won 25-18 East York report by Wallace that he was elected as Dist. Organizer in executive elections also elected as an alternate to T & D council after declining delegates credential - ~~True Davidson elected to publish East York bulletin and Lois as secretary~~

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Rosedale CCF Report by George

- amendments to convention discussed - George was successful that amendment for a Prov. Hospitalization & Health plan be passed.

- announced a meeting on unemployment sponsored by club next Friday at Park School.

- discussion on Berman re armament endorsing Foreworthy instead of negative motion attacking Colwell - after long discussion defeated - delegates to convention <sup>indefinite</sup> ~~delegated~~ to keep resolution out of convention discussion

Woodsworth School - Report on last meeting on Lewis & Matthews on Labor Code next meeting Wednesday on Guaranteed Annual

Wage  
York Humber - Letter sent to Bryden re-return of membership card - no reply as yet.

Appeals - motion to get McKay moving on the sending in of the two appeals. - carried

- motion that the other expelled members go through the formality of entering convention appeals. - carried

- motion that there be a group statement prepared for distribution at convention. - carried

- motion that we rent a room near the convention to caucus the convention delegates - tabled.

- motion that we distribute group statement at large (releasing to the public so to speak) at convention - carried

Minutes of Meeting Apr 4, 1955

Chairman - Comrade Kent

Minutes - Wallace was not delegated to contact Vic Hughes

Minutes adopted as amended.

Attendance - Carro absent. Comrade Paul working, Groves confined.

Membership & Contact - Discussion on contact from Saturday evening get together. Discussion on report by Scott &

Cameron on Bunny (ex Rose group) and two other and our attitude towards them - motion that we promote political discussion and convey to them that they must deal with party re-reforming, formally

Financial Drive - Green reports general progress, receipt of \$65 from Tancum & \$25 from outside points

Due & Pledges

Social Kent reports headquarters available to comrades & contacts on Saturday into

Educational - Two more lined up after to into Forum - Approximately 38 attended - more new people

General discussion on technique of speaker and problems of presentation of complex subject. Generally agreed forum success.

Classes Jenning reports that Kerracher pamphlet pretty well finished off topic and proposes that next class be based on Ward's, Logic of Marxism. He also proposed the class start the first Friday after Easter

- motion that there be a group leader and text be handed around - defeated.  
- motion that for each lecture there be a different speaker - carried. Comrades George ~~Timber~~ Timber, & Scott delegated to present first three lectures.

C.C.F. Report Report by Langley on his interview with Bryden. Expelled comrades (the ones who attended trials) will be allowed to speak 10 minutes at the convention at Easter. Pro. Council also recommends that a document signed by the expelled, will be permitted distribution to a closed session of the convention on Good Friday, & that a spokesman elected by the members to signed the document will be allowed 15 minutes at the convention. ~~Carried~~

Comrade Kent reported Timber had contacted Colin Cameron to represent group. - Cameron indicated he was unavailable but willing to send a statement - motion directing Tim BER to ask Cameron for statement - carried.

Langley Reported Pro. Council meets <sup>Wednesday</sup> ~~Thursday~~ & will require that group spokesman for document will need to be indicated. - motion we ask Hatfield (Provincial Council Executive member) to speak, and in lieu of him Timber. - carried

- motion that the document that is ~~to~~ be presented to the close session no matter what the outcome of who is in or out be publicized. ~~carried~~ in a discreet manner - carried.
- motion that we arrange to try to get McKay to speak on behalf of Scott & Cameron.

Trade Union PAC - Cameron announced his becoming a delegate to Trade Union CCF convention caucus. - Reported his inability to get elected to TLC-AFL convention in Windsor. - Reported on a shop grievance.

Jennings reported on AFL-CIO Toronto Joint Council meeting on Employment as being generally progressive. Although four of our group ~~attended~~ attended a group caucus meeting to discuss tactics we were successful in getting only Comrade Limber to speak from floor.

- Good & Welfare - motion that there be made restricted quantities of beer available in headquarters Saturday nites - defeated after long discussion.
- Motion to adjourn and postpone education - carried
- motion that Cameron <sup>present</sup> ~~present~~ next educational on China, instead of Jennings assigned topic.

Minutes of Meeting April 24, (Found in 1955)

Chairman Comrade Scott,

Minutes - Correction that club name in CCF reports should read Greenwood not East York - Suggested we use pseudonyms for ex Rose group. - Minutes adopted as amended.

Attendance All present except Grove, Rik & Limber.

Membership & Contact - Discussion and general agreement that organizer's tasks re Messinger be delegated to Kent. Report by Paul in name of three man committee that McGilpine & Ford, (the other ex Rose group member absent) are willing to join our group under our conditions and will sign documents if asked.

- motion made by committee, to seek endorsements of N.C. that the two ex-Rose group be allowed to join group & attend meetings & that McGilpine be a probationary member for six months when his record would be reviewed.

Voting was conducted on each candidate on its own merits. Ford was accepted unanimously - McGilpine three opposed. Report by Kent on Len. along with a contact that appears around the store who is in L.P.P. Kent reported Roger now a subscriber to Militant.

Financial Report - Final report by Green that £263 was collected ~~from~~ inside group & £83 outside group. } see back  
A few contacts to see yet and a little more money }  
still outstanding in pledges. } Page (3)

Social Report by Jennings that approx. 30 in attendance and we netted a profit of \$22.85 and general agreed a very successful social. After a discussion it was generally agreed we would close social at 1.30 A.M. and close bar at 12.30 A.M. It was suggested we have a clean up committee.

Educationals - two lined up.

Forenoon Plans progressing suggested that we play records and build up a festive atmosphere for May day.

CCF Reports Report that plans are already afoot to hold a caucus of interested people on Bealard's demanded resignation from club. The East York club has passed a motion demanding Bealard resign her post as secretary and also leave the club as an aftermath of the convention and her conduct there in defense of the 14.

Proposal was made by Woods we might consider running a candidate in Provincial elections if there was a close by unfilled CCF nomination.

Report by Langly of successful Youth group meeting in which Joe gave educational on Health Plan. - Suggested that we hold a caucus of those affected to discuss perspectives.

Trade Union PAC - Paul reported on U.R.W.A negotiations and a particular aspects of allocation of P.A.C. moneys and the role of P.A.C. committee on a local union level.

# New Business

Discussion on the need of discretion of our group to our sympathizers in regards to lay-offs as an aftermath of the expulsions of the 14.

Discussion on change of meeting sites

- motion that henceforward for the summer season meeting be held on Wednesday sites at 8.00 o'clock - carried
- starting a week Wednesday
- Affirmament.

Educational by Woods on his <sup>Political</sup> Discussion Document.

Copies of Document in the hands of

1. Wallace
- 2 McGiffine & ~~But~~ Ford

Internal pledge	265.00	
External	53.50	
	<hr/>	
	348.50	
		{ 19.20 turned over to Joan to Bob
		{ 329.30 campaign handled
		Ray Green

# Minutes of Meeting May 11, 1955

Chairman - Comrade Green,

Correspondence - Referred down agenda.

Attendance - Absent Rik, Woods, Forrest, Crane Groves.

Membership & Contacts Report for the organizer by Jennings that Kasser has indicated his willingness to join the group and is quite willing to join CCF.

Discussion on M. H. Copeland (contact from bookstore) concludes he has considerable politics and very friendly.

Report of a contact by Jennings named John Gibson, Comrade Paul reported on two contacts and named - fellow named Stewart as a live contact.

Letter from NC read - re admission of M. G. McKine & Ford.

- motion that the organizer be instructed to inform

Ford of the next group meeting.

- motion that the application for membership by the group to NC be recommended - carried after considerable discussion.

- motion that M. G. McKine be considered a candidate for membership in one years time - recommended to read six month - motion was carried as recommended to six months.

Social - Jennings asked permission of group to have Cameron stand in his place on social committee - carried. Plans for Saturday social progressing.

Educational - Discussion on nature of handling of class

on Dialectics was raised by White. - It was pointed out people were stealing material out of future classes.

- General agreement that the class very successful with approximately 15 people out - Motion that Woods takes the 4th class and Ford be asked to take 5th class.

CCF Reports Several disappointed reports were made outlining our activities in various group activities and very informal. Paul reported his attendance at a nomination meeting at St David's - Langley reports his being approached to work in High Park. General, and informal co-ordinating discussion followed.

- motion that each comrade be prepared to make a report on their CCF activities at next meeting carried.

~~CCF~~ Youth Group. - CCVM convention takes place this week end and the Youth group (Independent Socialist Union) met last Sunday. George Reports. She reports they

propose

1. to follow up appeals to CCVM appellations
2. to draft a special document to present to the convention
3. to release the question to the press if they are not allowed to appear a convention if its timing will not jeopardize out other election work by alienating adult CCF group.
4. to draft up an election leaflet in the name of the Youth group on youth problems to support CCF.

There followed a general discussion and general approval with some reservations on the timing and doing of some of the tactics. Kent reports the P.C. recommends that the Youth Group are directed to hold a caucus and have a P.C. representative there at their earliest convenience.

Trade Union P.A.C. Report by Jennings on his attendance at District UPWA convention and how the question of Thatcher & Smithy came up in a discussion period. Paul reported on P.C. Council & his union meeting and several of the interesting details - He reports he will likely get on the P.A.C. group of his union

Kent suggested the necessity of a more critical approach, within the bounds of our CCF support of the role of the CCF bureaucrats in their reformism is the good government approach - the conservative premier is alright only he surrounded by crooks. White reports his running for UAW District Council

Government.

Education a further discussion on P.C. document - motion to hold another notes discussion on the question of would a B.C. paper serve the east effectively? - Should we set up a organization ~~called~~ the Socialist Forum? or League in the East.

Minutes - May 22

(ALPP - Labor Progressive Party - Name of CPC  
in this period  
since 1941 to  
1960s - ed.)

Chairman - Cmd Jennings

Motion - to adopt the minutes as corrected - carried

Correspondence - letter asking for support and aid for La Veritie  
to the sum of \$100.00. The Toronto branch has a levy of \$60

Motion to accept this levy - car.

Motion - that the Branch advance the money from its funds and that the  
individual levy be worked out and a report made next week - car.

Membership & Contacts - report on ML - he is coming very close to us -  
he is a serious person, interested in the league and doing art work  
for the paper.

report - on the Greek contact - he is a good type - a revolutionary  
socialist - he is coming around the store.

report - on an "FLYer" who is becoming interested in Trotskyism

report on the Negro meeting - some of the people on the editorial board  
of the Canadian Negro are going to get together with our comrades for a  
discussion on newspaper work.

Financial Report - motion to accept - carried

Sub Campaign - report - there are still quite a few names in the Rosedale  
area - we should have a sub drive this Sat - Motion to concur - car.

Educationals - motion - that tonight's educational be postponed indefinitely  
carried

Motion - that Cmd Jennings lead a discussion on our orientation to the  
LPP tonight - carried

Educational Lineup -

May 28th - Unity by Robinson

June 5th -

Motion - that the comrades giving the educationals after the one on Unity  
get together and juggle the dates to fit their shifts and bring back a  
report - carried

Motion - that we have a chairman to introduce the classes on the  
Communist Manifesto - car - Cmd Woods was struck off

Motion - to remove forum item from agenda - car

CCF - report of the convention - there were 265 people there - It was very  
dull with very few good resolutions and much wordy discussion on nothing  
Our Hamilton contacts brought up ~~the question of party democracy~~ <sup>the question of party democracy</sup> - they  
were simply ignored. Our role was generally good, our comrades taking the  
floor and making good speeches.

report on the Hamilton contacts - they seem to want our help in Hamilton  
as a result of the convention where their inability to do anything was  
shown.

Paper - report - that there was a poor turnout to the editorial board  
meeting.

Motion - that LPP goes on the agenda - carried

~~Motion - that we sent people into LPP~~ \* discussion \*  
LPP - Motion - that the motion to send people into the LPP be tabled -  
defeated motion - that we do not send anyone who has a CCF membership into  
the LPP - carried

Motion - that weir and Langley go into the LPP - carried

Paper - there will be an editorial meeting Thursday at 8:00

sub-campaign - there was a dist at the Negro meeting last Thurs 70 papers were distributed to a good meeting - 3 were sold

15 copies were sold at the labor council

At the Stalinist meeting on the 15th, 150 papers were distributed report of the comrades inside - Cuds Groves and Woods asked Questions - there was a good reaction from the audience. report on Norman Penner - the seems to be against Buck. there is apparently much dissention in the LPP the questions asked were good and critical a lot asked were on the line of where were B & K when Stalin was committing his crimes? Buck seemed afraid of the membership - there will be another meeting next wed. we should challenge Buck to a debate

motion - that we have our meeting on Tues next week so we can attend the Stalinist meeting - car.

motion - that we have a leaflet - defeated

Good & Welfare - we should dist. Ferranti Electric which is on strike

Note - that the executive discuss future street corner meetings - car meeting adjourned

minutes of meeting, August 24, 1955

Chairman - Comrade Timber.

Meeting called to order at 8:10.

Motion that we strike off pro-tem secretary in absence of Comrades Scott and White - carried. Comrade Langley elected.

Minutes of previous meeting not available, mailed to Van. by accident.

Correspondence -- none.

Attendance -- Absent with known reason - Rick, Forest, Paul.

Late, -- Scott, Cameron, Jennings.

Leave of absence Carvo, Ivo,

Membership and Contacts - Short discussion on Comrade McAlpine.

Kent reported that he had played a role in our picket line of Palais Royale. Green stated that he appeared to be functioning to the best of his ability. No objections raised.

Dues and pledges collected.

Social report by Kent on Sunday's picnic. Not too well attended, but everyone had a good time. Kent raised the need to mail notices for socials and other events. He stated that phoning was not effective, except for contacts of a personal character. Motion by Woods that we mail notices of socials and other functions - carried. Motion that mailing work be spread among several comrades. -carried. Scott to do next mailing.

Educationals - Peaceful Co-existence - by Kent scheduled for next week.

Classes - Green scheduled for next week on the National Question.

Report on Trotsky Memorial Meeting. - by Groves. She found it very inspiring, but weather too hot. Attendance not too large.

Collection of \$14.82 taken at meeting to buy books for branch library.

General opinion that in view of fact that only one non-party person had contributed money and that we had already purchased a number of books for library recently, we should put money into branch treasury. Motion carried.

CCF reports -- no activity in party at present.

Ind. CCF Youth Report - Kent reported a contact from the store. Cameron is in touch with him.

Trade Union Reports - Report on Trade Union Meeting by Jennings. Only 10 people attended, 3 outsiders, all from UPWA. It was considered that poor attendance was a result of heat and a bad meeting night, and should not be considered to indicate a decline of interest in the idea of the caucus meetings. Kent stated that we could expect a considerable turnover in the attendance at the meetings, with people attending intermittently; Kent felt that we have set ourselves too high a standard in approaching people to come to these meetings. He thought there were several militants who could well have been approached although they are not too advanced. A good discussion, centered mainly around the coming merger of the FLC & CCL. Several resolutions for presentation to locals have been drawn up following the Meeting. Subjects are: (1) Inclusion of Stalinist-led unions, CCCL, and Railway Brotherhoods in merger; (2) Political action - united congress should endorse CCF; (3) Convention representation - reopen discussion to secure more democratic representation; (4) Against biennial conventions; (5) Endorse G. Burt's by-passing of Ontario Conciliation Board.

UPWA report by Jennings. It is possible he will be able to go to the CCL convention, as delegate. He also reported G. S. wanted to bring a contact to next class. Jennings noted that enthusiasm for a larger strike fund is growing following the UPWA international conference in Chicago.

Motion that Comrade Cameron should join UPWA local 114 since he has been there for 7 weeks of his 3-month probationary period - carried.

Timber reported on local meeting of Ironworkers Union - nothing happened.

He reported that a discussion on police shootings took place at Labor Council (TLC) meeting, and letters were sent to metropolitan Police Commission.

UAW - De H. strike. White reported that there has been some discussion of holding a membership meeting of the local but that the leadership is opposed. He stated that there is a possibility of organizing a caucus meeting of those who are dissatisfied with the conduct of the strike.

New Business - Motion by Woods that in view of the hot weather and the prospect of lack of attendance except for our own group that we should postpone further classes until the weekend following Labor Day. Discussion. Carried. Good and welfare - nil.

Adjournment - 9:30.

Educational by Groves on the State in the Transitional Period.

Minutes of Meeting of March 25, 1956

Present, Langley, Paul Scott & Wein

Chairman - Langley.

Minutes of the meeting of February 7, 1956 read and adopted.

Attendance - ~~White, Groves, and Jennings~~  
Pine - out of town - working overtime & check at branch meeting on this.  
Black - missed two meeting - new job - leave it.

Membership - Swift - not well integrated in the Branch - his natural field for work is Trade Union and CCF - He is in St. Pauls CCF Club which is inactive. Nearby clubs of Rosedale - no good and Spadina in which we already have two members. - leave him in St. Pauls. George is to be told by Paul to be particularly careful to get in touch with him for mailings. Scott tell Jennings to notify him of editorial board meetings.

Wright - integrating well - spent evening with Groves & Bishop and another day with Scott & Jennings - been invited out by Langley & Wein but his work has interfered.

Contacts - Allan - socially being integrated with comrades with whom he has nothing in common - suggested that older comrades attempt to work with him - Scott & Jennings to ask him out.

Tom W. - has not been around - Paul see him.

Tickeil - printer from Vancouver - comes to store - discusses - buys our literature - will not attend functions - Paul see him also.

Freda - Robinson apparently doing nothing with her politically - Langley speak to Robinson about her political development.

Nick - getting closer but slowly - has been reading Marx & the Marxists a modern day criticism of Marxism - suggested that Kent discuss this book with him and suggest again that he join the Branch.

Hennie - reading some - personally integrated - going to go to York Humber

Dues & Pledges - Treasurer give a report at next executive meeting.

Sub work - Work in Toronto being carried out successfully. All comrades participating who are not CCF members except White & Groves. White cannot be convinced. Personally unable to do this. Groves likes and should be encouraged to distribute and sell at meeting - doing this already. She should be encouraged to go out with Wein on door to door - unwilling to go alone.

*Door to door*  
Out of town work. Suggested that we get in touch with Begley & Murdoch in Hamilton and take a squad down there to do sub work on lists they provide.

Kane of Frigidaire saw and like paper and may get a list from him for Oshawa work.

Jennings and Scott are probably going to Montreal in May and will try and sell subs there.

Educationals. - Political Evaluation of the LPP - Paul  
Socialism Scientific & Utopian - Strong  
Theory of the Permanent Revolution - Langley

Classes - Colonial Revolution in General - Groves & Woods - March 8,  
Suggest - 2 of 3 for March 15 and March 22. -  
Prospect for Canadian Capitalism  
Farm Crisis in Canada  
How the government legislates in the interests of and subsidizes  
Big Business

Suggested that following these there be a series on The Teachings of  
Karl Marx by Lenin - Scott to examine for possible breakdown.  
probably about 4 classes.

Possibly one on Problems of Merged Congress after convention when it fits.

Forums  
March 25, - Religion by Max Armstrong and Jennings  
April - 29 - May Day.

Social - One scheduled for March 31, may have to be cancelled due to comrades  
going out of town and Pine not here to contact re holding it in his home.  
Leave till branch meeting to decide.

CCF -  
Wright & Mal Spadina  
Black - 1315 HRP South York  
Swift & ~~Mal~~ St. Pauls  
George Broadview  
Pine East York  
Langley & Strong High Park  
Green Greenwood  
Honnie York Humber  
Wallace -

Caucus leader required for this and since these comrades are generally  
inexperienced and this is such important work it be assigned to Kent

Trade Unions - Kent is working with Strong on his trade union column. - Require  
trade union meeting with contacts if possible but for members anyway  
to discuss ways of putting across the transitional programme. How  
to use programme in specific situations.

Mailing Woods and George should have list of contacts, Hugh and CCF comrades  
for contact for mailing and editors should try to notify Woods and George  
ahead of time if at all possible.

New Business - Paul has been unable to handle Trade Union Convenorship due to his  
handling Youth and sub work. Since number of comrades who can do this work  
is limited suggested he continue to do Youth and Trade Union but that comrade  
Wein take over sub work after May when her studies have ended.  
Treasurer - due to illness Bishop has resigned and recommended that George  
take over.  
Organizer - Jennings has stated that he will take over post of organizer  
now in spite of lack of time.

Suggested that some comrades should be trained to relieve Kent in store -  
Paul, Wein, Langley, Scott and Woods. They must spend some time getting  
to know stock - discuss this at further length at next meeting.

Suggested the Educational convener go through FIs looking for educational  
topics and familiarizing herself with what is in there in order to pre-  
educational material for comrades giving classes etc.

Found in: (1976)

Minutes of meeting of November 6th,

Present Stevens, Wein, Paul and Scott

Minutes of meeting October 7, read and adopted

Minutes of meeting October 22, read and adopted

Membership and contacts. Comrade Stevens had not yet visited Comrade Swift.

Comrade Stevens reported that Mal refused to contribute money or time to the election campaign.

Comrade Paul reported that C.L. joining. Quitting his job moving to Toronto and will be at this branch meeting

Comrade Scott reported that Jennings had not yet broken down the contact list.

Youth. Scott reported on the situation in the CCF youth. They ran a picket line on the Suez question, were labelled communists by the papers, some comrades not in the youth group joined the picket line and there is a good possibility of about seven of them being expelled. They have adopted a policy of walking out and resigning if one of them is expelled. In view of the fact that they know Comrade Adair was on the national tour and for that reason he may be the only one expelled the executive felt that as long as Strong remains in they should not resign. If both Adair and Strong are expelled they should take out as many people with them as they can.

Election Campaign decided that Jennings should be campaign manager.

Educational Classes and Forums.

Educationals Nov 7th Woods on Poland and Hungary

Nov 14th Executive recommends a discussion of youth group work

Nov 21st Probably a document on the CCF orientation

Classes Nov 11th Possible topics, Bevanism Today, Analysis of American Election, War Threat

Speaker recommended Scott

Nov 18th The situation in Eastern Europe as it affects CP's suggested topic. Distribute the Bethune School Ask the LPP to send one speaker. If they accept to be held in a larger hall.

The executive discussed the problem of Capital Classes or some similar class and also public speaking classes. Decided that nothing can be done about this until New Years.

Paper During the next two weeks before the election campaign gets moving, those comrades who are not busy with the financial drive should do renewal work. The following people were designated as falling into this category. Strong, Robinson, Stevens, Adair, Bishop, Scott and Black.

Financial Drive report given.

Decided that at next branch meeting due to CL being there for his first time we would arrange for a good chairman and Bishop is to be nominated.

Meeting adjourned at 1030.

Minutes - Nov 14, 1956

- chairman - cmd Jennings

- expulsions -

Motion - that the Oct 31 minutes be left unread until transcribed - carried

Attendance - absent with known reason - cmds George, Paul, Swift. Without - cmd Charlie

Membership & Contacts - Discussion of future work with our contacts. It was thought that the election campaign offers a good opportunity to us for contact work.

report on Bruce F. - He is party material and should be brought closer to us - discussion on this pro & con.

report on Doug C. - he has offered to work for us in the election.

Dues & Pledges -

Financial Drive - report that about \$600 out of \$900 pledged has been paid by the Toronto Branch so far.

Educational - Hungary by Woods

Sub Campaign - report on the renewal work - there were 8 subs obtained on the rally - 2 new and 6 renewals - ~~the next renewal campaign will be next Sun to finish the district~~

Educational Program - Motion - that the CCF document discussion be suspended until the publication of the document - carried

Motion - that the next educational be on the election manifesto - carried  
Cmd Kent was struck off to give it

Classes - report on the last class - it was very poorly attended - 9 or 10 and no contacts very fruitful discussion.

next class - Nov 18 - Why Socialists participate in elections - ~~Speaker Cmd Paul~~

Motion - that cmds Jennings and Paul settle the question of speaker among themselves. - car  
Nov 25 - Motion - that the question of topic be tabled for discussion by executive - carried

Forums - Motion - that the executive discuss the topic for the Dec 2nd forum - carried

Social - Motion - to table the question of the form to be taken by the election social - car

CCF - youth - report on the youth meeting - a resolution expelling Mona, Bruce F. and Cmds Strong and Adair from the club for allowing communists to march on their picket line was passed. A caucus of the group formed a new club which will apply for a charter - they have some good contact lists. Motion - that the CCF caucus meeting be held as soon as possible and that the matter be drawn to the attention of cmd Paul - carried

TU\*PAC - Report on UAW leadership school - Cmd White is a delegate.

Paper - report that this issue is the Dec. issue - the editor on the mast head will be Ross Dowson.

Election - report that cmd Stanton cannot run in the election this year as he has been given the run around in regard to the voters list and has been kept off it. Motion - that the campaign manager investigate the possibility of running another candidate - carried

LPP - Motion - to distribute leaflet on Hungary to the Bethune school - carried - report on the last Bethune class - the topic was pushed aside by a discussion on Hungary  
Cmd Strong has been approached to join the LPP - Motion - that he go around but not join - car

Good & Welfare - Motion - to table the question of the secretary to the executive - carried

Motion - to send The History of American Trotskyism to Margo sick in Hos. <sup>carried</sup>

adjourned

Minutes - Nov 21, 1956

Chairman Cmd Jennings

Minutes of Oct 30th read and adopted

Minutes of Nov 14 read and amended to read that the motion regarding the campaign manager investigating the possibility of someone else running in place of Cmd Timber should contain the recommendation that Cmd Robinson run if possible - Minutes adopted as amended.

Membership & contacts - report on Rhoda - she is contact material and knows many people around the NFLY.

report on Wally & Harry - they are back in Toronto permanently - we should encourage them to come around and not hold their past against them. Will possibly come back into the party. Discussion pro & con.

Report on Peter and Bill - the point has been reached where they can be informed that they are welcome to join the branch. Motion - that Cmd Woods be allowed to approach them on this basis - carried

report on Nick O - he is coming around us again - he has some Stalinists around him at work who are interested in the League.

report on Barry & Shirley - they are very friendly and gave \$50.00 to the financial drive - they will possibly do work for the league and have offered their home for socials. Discussion on the possibility of their future rejoining the group.

Amendment to the agenda - that the financial report be read before dues and pledges carried

Financial report - The reports for Sept and Oct were read and accepted

Financial Drive Report - So far we have received \$1018.45 on a national basis including \$800. from Toronto.

Educational - election program by Kent

Socials - Motion to accept B & S's offer of their home for the election social - carried

CCF - report by Stevens on Spadina - there were 7 people in attendance including himself & Tom B. - there was a hot discussion on Egypt.

Report on Youth meeting - At a Toronto Executive meeting a resolution was put forward by Ron Burns that the five members of the club charged regarding Communist participation on their picket line be suspended for three months instead of expelled if they agree to give up all association with the SEL including entering the Bookstore - the people in question refused and the motion to expell was carried. The new club has not been able to secure a charter. There were 10 people at the first club meeting, some of them Stalinists. The club name was carried to be Canadian Socialist Youth. It aims - to protect the rights of people to struggle and agitate for socialism - A member could belong to any organization he wanted to. Bruce F. moved that all club members should be members of the CCF, this was defeated, and our comrades opposed it. Bruce F. gave an Educational on Russia. It was reported that in the discussion Arnis Johnson took our line on Russia. Motion - to accept the report and to concur with the actions taken by our comrades - carried.

Educationals - ex. recommendation - that there be no branch meeting next week due to the election campaign - carried. the educational the following week will be - The Practicality of Socialism by cmd Paul. Motion that this educational be postponed in favour of an election sum up - carried. Cmd Jennings was struck off to give it.

Classes - Motion - that we have an election rally at the Mineworkers Hall on Dec 1st - carried. Motion - that an ad about 4 times our usual size be put in the paper - Motion to refer the question to the campaign manager - carried.

Motion - to not have a class this Sun - carried. The ex recommended that the class after the election campaign be a debate directed to and calling for the participation of the Bethune School - carried

Minutes , Nov 21 - cont

Election - executive recommendation - that we do not have a sound truck. That we have a picket line and march downtown on the Sat. before the election . That we ask Buffalo to come to our social and inform them of the picket line if they want to participate  
Motion to concur - carried.

LPP \* report on the Bethune class - 4 people were in attendance - 2 of the our comrades they met a firly good contact who would possiby help in our election campaign. It was urged that the meeting next Fri. be covered by our distributions. -  
report on UJPO meeting - there were about 300 people in attendance - we put about 200 'open Letters ' into the meeting.

New Business - Cmd Charlie has been asked to attend SLP classes - Motion - that he attend one and bring back a report - carried.

Ex. recommendation - that Cmd Groves retain the post of Secretary. - carried  
ex. recc. - that Cmd Jennings take over the post of organizer - Motion - to referr to the executive - carried - Motion - that cmd Jennings be put on the payroll of the branch retroactive to the time of Cmd Kents return -, carried.

Minutes - April 10, 1957

Chairman - Comrade Strong

Minutes of previous meeting adopted as amended; Discussion regarding the accuracy of the minutes resulted in a motion that was carried. That although the minutes were generally correct that in the future all minutes that leave Toronto should be passed by group first to correct the tone or impressions of the secretary.

Membership & Contacts Kent suggested a discussion on status of W. Mitchell. After a report from Cameron & Adair it was decided henceforth to consider him as a sympathizer. Paycock reported that John seemed to be moving away from us and that we should put more emphasis on the social relations for the coming period. Adair & Black reported on the personal contact work that they are still doing and that although they had sold some literature there was no concrete results to be seen as yet.

Sub-Campaign Reported by Wein that a sub-renewal rally would be carried out at Oshawa on Sunday and that she would like volunteers.

Educational

Friday Classes - Class based on a book review "Power Elite" was reported on by Adair and Stevens was complimented for his work.

Sunday Forums - Scott reported critically of the forum, pointing up the poor attendance of our group and that poor publicity was attained from the newspaper advertisement. Our own group did not extend themselves to promote attendance of outsiders.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ -- Executive recommended that Scott be substitute speaker at the Sunday April 14th, forum in place of the Oshawa meeting --- motion carried.

Internal Report -- Wein reported that she had arranged a syllabus of six classes for Friday nights on Marxist philosophy and outlined them in detail ---- report was adopted.

Social - A report was brought down on the plans and details of the Social planned for Friday April 19th. Report was adopted.

Youth-- CSY meeting of poor attendance was reported on by Adair. The youth group decide in favor of trying to organize a series of round table discussions with the NFLY? Christian Students Group of the University of Toronto whom had indicated their ~~xxxxxx~~ willingness.

T.U. & PAC - Green reported on unrest in P.O. union, although the members seem to feel that compulsory arbitration is alright. Adair reported that his local had called a emergency meeting to deal with contract negotiations. Strong reported on the UE and attempts at a future merger of Locals 514 & 521. There were signs of dissatisfaction with the Executive, especially with the inaction of on persons working overtime when others are being layed off. He moved a motion that he be allowed to run in the elections for the union executive and the motion was carried.

Paper - Kent reported that the paper was off the press and asked for volunteers for mailing on Thursday night.

L.P.P.- Motion was made by Paul that we approach NFLY to try to ~~xxxx~~ send speakers to discuss certain common issues such as regroupment etc. ---- motion carried.

C.C.F. - Adair reported his contacting South York CCF and attended his first meeting. About 50 in attendance, and all enthusiastic, trying to

April 10, (continued)

ind gimmicks to get out the vote. T.U. are participating and every one seems to be intending to do a really big job.

All comrades are advised to attempt entry into CCF activities in ~~this~~ election if at all possible.

Motion that ~~the~~ Executive bring down a policy report on procedure to be followed by comrades in CCF election work was carried.

Internal Educational was presented by George on the topic Permanent Revolution.

Adjournment.

Minutes May 8, 1957

Chairman Comrade Forest

Minutes of previous meeting read and addition of the vote was to be added " Comrades voted nine to eight in favor of running a candidate in the federal elections. Twelve comrades felt that running a candidate was not against orientation and four thought it was against, one ballot could be deciphered either way."

Membership & Contacts -- Adair reported on visit to former comrades very friendly. -- Stevens met Rodney Y. and another fellow at a SLP meeting and invited both to Friday nite classes. --- Black reported on Unitarian Church political group as having a few possible contacts around it.

Financial Report was made by Robinson whom reported that dues were up slightly but that the pledges were way down.

Educational --- CCF & LPP convention was given by Stevens & Paul.

Sub campaign --- Wein & Langley met some good contacts while doing renewal work. Adair, Strong, and Katz going out next week.

Classes --- Last Friday's class was a very good one. Motion that since only three more classes are left we should plan holding a new series--- referred to executive.

Social Motion that we hold weiner roast on Sunday afternoon at 2.00 PM meeting at the Canadian Wire & Cable -- carried Motion that we hold an indoor social was referred to the executive.

Youth --- Motion that the activities of the youth group be suspended for the summer months was presented by the members of the CSY was endorsed.

CCF--- Katz is working in ST. Pauls. Russel reports no signs of any activity in York Humber. Price reports working in Danforth.

Paper Mailing this Thursday and organizer will phone contacts.

Good and welfare -- Fairwell party for Comrade Paycock was quite a success.

New Business Motion that we break down the Municipal voters lists in order to see which area we got the highest vote -- referred to the ex.

Motion that hold an election meeting --- referred to ex.

Organizer to find out if possible where the NFLY is holdin their Toronto Convention

Adjournment.

## Vote on decision to run in elections

Opposed to running because (a) contrary to orientation - Russell  
Stevens  
Langley  
Wein

(b) practical reasons - anonymous  
Allan

(c) masses not moving towards  
socialism in this country Peacock

Favour running

Strong  
Black  
White  
Paul  
Pryce  
Cameron  
George  
Forrest  
Kent

1957 May 13 Exective Meeting 8 p.m.

Present--Paul-Stevens-Wine --Scott(late with reason)

Minutes -Passed of last exective meeting.

#### Membership and Contacts

- Discussed
1. Jack C.
  2. Bill D.
  3. Claire L. /
  4. Peter D. ~~discussed~~
  5. Charlet D.

#### Sub Drive-Election Drive

- A. Monday and Thursday passed P-S-W for sub drive days
- B. Ask Branch How many ~~W/L~~ <sup>W/L</sup> to come this thursday.
- C. Monday a Holladay-aske the people to come Tusday instead.
- D. Regent Park for seperate work by individuals from the book store.
- E. Map the Broadview area
- F. Also, South of Englington Mount pleasant
- G. Line-Get the subs first before general election speech.  
Try for 50<sup>3</sup> and if not then 25<sup>2</sup> sub.
- H. Motion on sub work to be given to the branch -All the  
Branch to actively work in sub drive except when <sup>sub drive is</sup> in the riding  
<sup>where</sup> ~~that~~ the Branch member is actively working a CCF campaign.

passed P-S-W

#### Election

Street conrner meetings friday 17 and 24 on Health plan etc.

Park Meetings friday night may 31 June 7 Mailing etc.for.

Mass distribution of paper

defeated against P-W  
For S

Ex meeting 13 of May 57

P 2

ED. Internals

A. Ken on Rent and office workers

B. the Atom Bomb the H Bomb

1. things to be dicussed and the verious positions

Trip into the H Bomb

Lpp, CCF PC Liberals Passive and SEL'S POSITIONS

Inspection

2 year ~~mandx~~ ~~mandx~~

Church position

2. speaker- Bruce

C. ~~Ym~~ Machinical theory of reg.

Explanation Relationship of surfact economic situation to the growth of ~~revolutionary~~ socialist revolt.

Speaker Pat.

ED. Friday nights.

1, Boom without Bust from IsR 2 classes ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

Speakers 1. Jim or Ken.

2, Strikes that paved the way for the CIO

Taken from the City-The History of American T.-Stalinist strikes etc. and new book. 3 classes 2 class then

Speakers Earny and Peter M. R S-S

Allen, Bruce

W

1 on minn. Strike

Socials

A movey night after W classes depending on street corner meetings.

A social Saterday night 25 of May. Place to invistigate.

300.00

Transfer \$500.00 from the T.B. account to the Vanguard.

passed S P S W

EX.Meeting of May 13 1957

2p3

Organizer Jerry asks for \$5.00 a week pay. Ex, asks P.C.  
is this not a P.C. matter?? Ancer. No. To be stated to the  
branch that this is a formal dicussion for Jerry to go on full  
time. Motion that Jerry be taken on the pay role of the ~~SEE~~  
T.B. Salary to be ~~from~~ \$5.00. Motion to be given by Wine.  
Passed for Scott/Wine-Paul against Stevens.

Report by RScott on CCF work.

General dicussion on Ellection activities.

10:15 P.M.

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Chairman George.

Membership & Contacts.

Kent reported having visited several Stalinists and found them friendly but uninterested. He suggested that it might be better if we changed our contact night to allow more comrades to participate. Langley reported a discussion with Martin W. indicated that he might soon be leaving Canada.

Timber said that his impression of Martin W. was that he did not wish to get involved.

Adair said he had been in touch with George C. And was arranging a trip to Buffalo.

Black thought that George C. was mostly interested in T.U. work. Kent hoped that George would be invited to our next T.U. Caucus.

Financial Drive.

Strong reported that he would have the drive areas drawn up by Monday first.

Dues & Pldges.

Jennings reported that several comrades were well behind in thier dues and a report was being prepared showing how comrades stood regarding pledges.

Kent opposed such a report and moved that comrades be informed of thier standing as before, by monthly slips. Motion carried.

Educational.

Strong gave the internal class on "Socialist youth in New York.

Stevens made a report on the previous internal by Kent.

Future internals were lined up as follows.

Oct. 2nd. Automation. by Pryce.

Oct. 9th. "Was the bureaucracy necessary?" by Wein.

Oct. 16th. Problems of regroupment. by Paul.

Oct. 23rd. Class attitude to formal democracy. by Jennings.

Wein reported that the executive recommended that our Sunday forums commence on Oct. 6th. with the topic "The Canadian Political scene today". at the Mine workers hall.

Kent moved that the executive probe the matter of a regroupment meeting on this date, and the possibility of Salsberg speaking. Motion carried. The executive recommended that the Forum for Oct. 13th. be on the Murdochville & Levers strikes. Motion carried.

Jennings proposed that we have a panel of speakers at this meeting. M. Car Elected were Robinson Adair Katz & Langley.

A motion to refer a forum on the negro struggle to the executive carried.

Stevens moved that the executive consider larger forums. Carried.

Paul gave a report on the friday class by Wein as being well presented.

Social.

Scott gave a report on the recent social.

Kent moved that for expediency, a written report be prepared in future. ~~EX~~ Motion carr

CCF.

White reported that there would be a meeting of the TLC. on Sun. first.

Kent moved that the executive bring in a report of our work in the CCF.

### TU. PAC.

Jennings reported that the next edition of his local paper was well under way.

Strong gave a report on our Steel Wares caucus.

White gave a report on his Dehavilland local.

Kent moved that Hall do not appeal his lay off at Steel Wares . Carried.

Black suggested that the T.U. convenor arrange a caucus in the near future. Motion carried.

### Good & Welfare.

Langley reported that he attended an alleged socialist forum with some other comrades. The speaker I.F. Stone. was Quite anti marxist.

Salsberg was listed as thier next speaker.

Adair asked for volunteers for Monday contact work six comrades volunteered.

### New. Buisness.

The executive recommended that Black join the UGPO At o nce.

Adjourned. II.25.

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Minutes of Emergency meeting March 7th 1958 - PC and Toronto branch executive.

Chairman. Kent.

Read telegram from BC. "We withdraw opposition to PC recommendation account your correspondence received today. Our congratulations on favourable turn of events which appear to compel you to move out. Keep us informed in detail often to help us orient. J Graham.

Timber moved. That we run a or candidates in the March 31 federal election.

PC Vote..Timber, Kent. for. Langley against.

Exec. Vote...Strong, Adair, White, Paul,..for. Langley against

Timber moved that we consider either or both Broadview or St.Pauls suitable ridings.

Langley moved an amendment that we include York Humber for consideration.

Vote on the amendment. PC... Timber, Kent ~~for~~ against --Langley for  
Executive vote-Strong, Adair, White against Langley for  
amendment lost

Motion carried all in favor except Langley

Timber moved that we contest one riding

PC vote--Timber, Kent, Langley for

Executive vote- Adair, White, Langley for--Strong abstained.

Timber moved that we contest the Broadview riding

~~Motion carried all in favor except Langley~~ PC vote--Timber, Kent, for--Langley against

Executive vote Adair, White, Strong for--Langley against

Motion to open nominations-- Kent nominated--agreed upon unanimously

Timber moved that we rent quarters for committee rooms in the riding--passed unanimously

Motion that we immediately issue appeal to CCF to vacate a riding in Toronto area--agreed

Motion that we immediately wire BC suggesting that they see if it is at all possible to present a candidate, even if only a ~~test~~ campaign could be conducted--agreed. Also obtain information as to who the independent socialist is who has been announced as running.

Motion to adjourn

agreed

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 10th. 1958

Present Full

Minutes of meeting Feb. 25th read and adopted.

Minutes of meeting March 7th read as information

Membership & Contacts

Bill D. agreed that he should be a close sympathiser as he does not wish to join the party at this time.

Ken R Rec. that the branch be informed that party information should not be disclosed to this contact and that comrades use discretion when discussing party matters.

Educationals

March 12th. Discussion on canvassing..Paul

" 19th. Evolution and revolution ..Cotton

" 26th. Party work in England...English comrades.

April 2nd. The revolutionary and the Trade Unions...Pryce

Sunday Nights

March 23rd. Election Rally...Candidate and campaign manager in Committee rooms.

March 30th. *March 6<sup>th</sup> - Analysis of the election*

TU Caucus

To be held after the election.

CCF

Rec that our comrades who are expected to work in the CCF election campaign do so. ( White, Langley, Jennings, Strong, Robinson ) as well as work in our own campaign. Rec. that some volunteer to work in S York area.

LPP

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Sub drive Rec that this be cancelled and that we do election contact work on Sunday afternoons.

Mailing Rec that Tor. contacts and subscribers be mailed the first issue of the paper.

Election

Rec that Katz be campaign manager ~~for~~ and receive 25 dollars per week.  
Rec that Adair ~~be~~ organise the financial aspect of the election.

Meeting of March 7th Rec that the minutes of this meeting be read to branch as general information.

Adjourned.

# MINUTES SATURDAY, April 5th/58, Session Branch Conference

The conference opened at 10.23 A.M. with the Organizer, Com. Briar, extending greetings to two fraternal delegates and presenting the proposed agenda and general conference arrangements for the consideration of the membership.

The general arrangement was to be for two sessions - ~~at~~ morning and afternoon - Saturday and Sunday with an informal social scheduled for Saturday evening. All meals to be obtained from local restaurants. Agreed.

- AGENDA:
1. Political report to be delivered by N.C. member Graham.
  2. Discussion of report.
  - ~~At~~ 12.30 to 2 o'clock adjourn for lunch.
  3. continuing discussion.
  4. 3.30 P.M. Organizer's report.
  - 6 P.M. adjourn for supper.
  - 8 P.M. Informal social.

- Sunday -
5. Commission recommendations.
  6. Reports of C'ttees
  - 12.30 - 2 adjourn for lunch.
  7. International report
  8. Elections.

Com. Lee suggested that the International Rpt - which would contain much matter connected with the content ~~of~~ of the Political Rpt be moved from the second day to directly following the Political Rpt. On motion this was unanimously agreed.

Briar reported the chairing of the conference had been arranged by the Executive with Graham chairing for the the organizational report and Briar for the political report.

Absent comrades - Margo and Burns - Riley - Foster accounted for.

The political report was concerned with economic conditions and the effect of these on the political and economic life of the class & the shifting and consolidating of the class forces due to unemployment. The effect of these stirrings on the political organizations of the CCF and the LPP as shown in the course of the recent election campaign was dealt with. Com. Graham concluded that we must find a slogan which will express our concept of these factors - expressed in a resolution which will crystallize a new leadership - drawing them together on the basis of a mutual understanding. All over the world our tendency has taken the lead in this activity and here we, too, must use every possibility for the development of Socialist Forums - Labor Lyceums - for

the mutual discussion of workers' problems - and this in our area would mean approaching the LPP - the Young group - and the left in the CCF - as groups or as individuals.

Discussion of the report was very full - covering such points as an examination of what we mean by "orientation" and a re-emphasis that this is first of all to the class and is carried out in life by tactical emphasis on work in this or that section of the class - the trade Unions - the CCF - the LPP - the unemployed organizations. Examined closely was the question of why we are in the CCF and the necessity to use this organization as long as it forms a wedge to drive between the working class and farmers and capitalist politics. Recognition was given to the necessity of an organized left wing to accomplish this task.

Com. Briar read a letter which arrived from the National Secy and which drew far reaching conclusions from the results of the federal election - and which also proposed a change in the slogan for the paper.

Before lunch adjournment Com. Briar and Com. Graham spoke briefly to this and expressed the danger in drawing hasty conclusions - the danger in being ahead of even the vanguard workers and heading into isolation and sectarianism - and the need to act as a party in arriving at decisions although apparently the two sections of the party obviously had widely differing problems and a need to have freedom to make decisions to meet these differing conditions. This can only be done on a basis of mutual confidence engendered by adequate consultation. ADJOURN.

Reconvening it was agreed on motion that the International report by a fraternal delegate should be heard as the first order of business.

The report reviewed world conditions and the overriding importance of the regroupment of the socialist forces and the consequent destruction of Stalinism and the spreading of revolutionary ideas and the organization of the Prty as a result. In the U.S. with a powerful Trotskyist cadre this task had spread more rapidly than in Canada with our weaker forces and differing political environment. The matter of prime importance now was emphasis on this aspect of our work and would probably need to be carried out to the point of open struggle with the right wing bureaucracy inside the CCF. The speaker felt the group appeared to be guilty of confusion on practical and tactical questions to the exclusion of political awareness. The primary consideration in the various ~~in the various~~ entry tactics of the period of the Canadian entry was that the working class movement was politically polarized and there was apparently no room for the development of independent Trotskyist parties at the time. It was a tactic designed to ~~build~~ build cadres and eventually the revolutionary party. It was - and still remains - only a tactic. Any group can fall into the trap of sectarianism but to be in the lead is essential to the Party. Sectarianism is not indicated by the broadening of the slogan. It would be false to suggest that the basic work in the East is sectarian.

In discussion the point was raised as to the different nature of this entry at this time and whether this was being challenged. It was agreed that not the tactic of entry but the emphasis upon it was being changed and it was also generally agreed that the anti-Stalinist work must have first consideration for the next period - that the ferment in the LPP will not wait for ultimate solutions. The idea was generally expressed that the change in the slogan for the paper was in line with the idea of regroupment.

Agreed that a resolution covering the material of the reports and the the general discussion should be forwarded to the National Office. On motion it was resolved that the N.C. members together with the Fraternal delegates should prepare a resolution encompassing the points of the reports and the conference discussion to be presented as a first order of business for the Sunday morning session.

As it was now 5.30 and adjournment time set for 6 o'clock it was agreed that the resolutions of the Commission should be taken up and the report of the Organizer should be heard at the first session Sunday - following the disposal of the above resolution.

COMMISSION REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS.

- Point 1. Agreed
- Point 2. Voted down
- Point 3. Already in practice
- Point 4. Refer to Executive
- Point 5. Agreed in principle but considered part of 4.
- Point 6. Agreed
- Point 7. Covered - refer to Executive
- Point 8. Already in practice - note necessity for flexibility.
- Point 9. Already in practice
- Point 10 This is the consistent policy of the Party
- Point 11. Agree in principle and is the usual practice

On motion it was agreed that the usefulness of a contribution on the role and function of an organizer in the the Southern Party which would be given by one of the fraternal delegates would be referred to the C'ttee composed of the N.C. members and the Fraternal Delegates for action.

Meeting adjourned 6.01 P.M.

Lovat, Secy.

MINUTES BRANCH CONFERENCE, Sunday sessions, April 6th/58

Minutes of the previous day of conference read and adopted with the reporter of the International report accorded the privilege of editing a couple of points.

The recording secy moved that as some delegates had asked if a motion on the matter of the slogan change had not been overlooked in the minutes that this matter be raised under new business. Agreed.

The resolution on reports and the discussion of the previous day prepared by the N.C. and the fraternal delegates, was read and with minor changes adopted.

Com. Douglas absent through illness - others on their way.

Com. Briar's organizational report covered the various fields of activity in which the members had been involved during the year - the IHEW, both activity in T.U. locals and the VLC, the Lbr. Day Conference with Southern friends, opponents work, youth work, and contacts with the beginnings of unemployed organization in this area. Also ~~mentioned the unhappy~~ raised was the unhappy situation in the Branch which required the setting up of a Commission last December. The question of the Vanguard office and continued relationship and security within the CCF was in the report given prime importance.

In light of the discussion and the ensuing resolutions adopted unanimously at the first sessions of the Conference Com. Briar agreed to re-draft the report for consistency with the decisions already taken. On motion it was agreed this would be done and submitted to a subsequent Branch meeting for consideration.

During discussion the value of the opponents propaganda work done last year was emphasized and confidence expressed that although the immediate returns had been disappointing the ultimate ~~return~~ return would bring ~~great~~ great rewards to the Party. Considerable discussion ensued around the difficulty of not appearing to be "tail-ending" the present Stalinist line in the trade union field. Both fraternal delegates felt this is a possibility which must be recognised and met - that ~~discussion~~ accusations in the Social-democracy that we are running after the LPP must be met and justified. For us the LPP is at present the most important field and we delude ourselves if we accept the false picture that it is small and insignificant. At this juncture in B.C. it could well be the decisive voice in working class politics because it is well organized and still has significant numbers. If it is true that the current line of the LPP runs parallel with our basic line, and this seems to be the case, then it is to our advantage to seize our opportunity.

Discussing youth work the previously arrived at decision that this organization should be outside the formal ~~bound~~ bounds of the CCF and generalized as "socialist" was re-endorsed. Political development of local Stalinist youth - or at least an important section of them - seems well advanced, said Adjournment 12.45. *a fraternal delegate.*

Reconvening at 2.10 P.M., Com. Briar, as organizer, summarized the discussion of the morning - noting the need within the Branch for self-discipline as the only effective discipline and paying tribute to the unifying force of Trotskyism as shown by the size of the Conference and the spirit in which we met.

Comrade Riley reported for the literature committee. The work had been largely financed by the pledges of two members although some incidental sums had been donated toward the work. Bundles of the Vanguard and Militant were being placed on the Newsstands. The ISR of which we had been getting a bundle of 20 or 25 was now cut to ten and subscriptions had been sent to both the UEC library ~~and~~ and to the Van Pub Library. We get a bundle of ten LReviews which covers our needs. Com. Foster does a good job getting subs for the Vanguard and on newsstand work.

Com. Foster does a good job getting subs for the Vanguard and on newsstand work. We still owe considerable at Pioneer. Rpt adopted.

Treasurer Com. Lewis reported the Branch had an average income of \$50.90 and pledges \$45 a month to sustain the National organization. There is a need for more regularized contributions from all employed members. An amount of \$100 is set aside by the Branch for assistance to the book store project.

Rpt. Adptd.

Com. Lovat reported the main activities of the book store c'ttee expressing regret that the National Office felt there was any implied criticism of the Toronto book store operation in Vancouver's endeavor. So far no suitable location within our capacity to rent had appeared but investigations continued. O'Connor, a member of the c'ttee, reported that investigation was now being pursued to see whether it might not be ~~more~~ easier to take over an existing book store, on a rental or time payment basis. Graham and O'Connor were conducting this aspect and Wilson was gathering information on the possibility of financing through pledges and loans. On motion the report was accptd as a progress report and the C'ttee asked to continue its efforts.

On motion the Branch Executive was asked to explore the possibilities of a Northwest School Camp conducted jointly with the Southern comrades.

#### Elections

On motion an executive of five was decided upon.

Both a "show of hands vote" and a secret ballot were suggested for the election to the executive and on the advice of the fraternal delegates the secret ballot method was followed. The ballot c'ttee was composed of: Hyland, Jenkins, and Burns.

Names in nomination and votes received:

O'Connor	8 (elected)	Briar	13 (elected)
Lee	11 (elected)	Lovat	6
Lewis	9 (elected)	Foster	6
Graham	12 (elected)	Chapeau	4

Further discussion of the Northwest School was held and the Fraternal delegates expressed themselves as enthusiastically in favor. A further motion resolved that the organizer should discuss the matter with Southern comrades and try to concretize plans.

#### Slogan

On motion resolved that we agree with the P.C. that the masthead slogan on the Vanguard be changed in the direction of a broader conception of workers and farmers unity to conform more closely with the tasks ahead as we see them - regroupment and the mass political expression of the class. It was suggested this might be expressed as : "Unity in ACTION of the workers and farmers."

Adjournment 4.30 P.M.

Lovat, Secy.....

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 30th 1958

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

Correspondence - Some correspondence from the tour was read to the branch. Also a letter from the U.S. advising us of some arrangements for a tour of British M.P.'s. A motion that Kent approach Temple or Hatfield with a ~~fe~~ view to their arranging a meeting for the Br. M.P.'s and perhaps they might contact Wilson of the P.E.C. of Auto Workers. It was suggested that we also approach Salsberg, the Socialist Forum and, if necessary, the LPP. Motion Carried.

Membership & Contacts - Some discussion on the pacifists who were attending our forum s took place, it was generally agreed that they were quite devoid of our ideas. A motion that White speak to comrade Black about his membership-carried.

Educational - George gave a report on the previous internal.

Lawrence gave a report on the previous external.

Future internals lined up as follows:- July 30 - "Anarchism & Socialism by George, Aug. 7 - "Socialism in One Country" by Cameron, Aug. 14 - CCF Document" by Kent, Aug. 20 - "Ethics and the Materialist Conception of History." by Le Blanc.

Future externals lined up as follows:- Aug. 1 - "National Convention of the CCF" by Stevens and Robinson, Aug. 8 - "Trade Unions in the Epoch of Imperialist Decay." - speakers to be contacted by the educational director - Cameron, Jennings, Stevens and Robinson are to be approached, Aug. 13 - "Trotsky Memorial Meeting" by Kent, Chairman - Paycock.

Social - Scott gave a report on plans for future social activities. Kent reported that we had arranged to stay in our present headquarters. A suggestion that investigation of a suitable hall on a permanent basis be carried out by Camxeron. Carried.

T. U. - P. A. C. - White reported on a resolution that had been drawn up to be presented to the T.L.C.

Paper - It was reported that the paper was under way.

Good & Welfare - White reported that he had been elected as steward at his phant.

New Business - Comrades who are available for Thursday night contact work should get in touch with Cameron at the store.

It was recommended that a special effort be made to build up our Friday forum on the CCF Convention.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm.

# MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 13, 1958

Chairman: Comrade Jennings

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

## Correspondence

The motion to file the letter from the comrades on tour was passed. Kent reports the C.C.F. didn't take the offer to sponsor M.P. Davis. Joe Rosenthal is to raise the question to the Socialist Forum. The S.E.L. is in the process of forming an ad hoc committee for Davis.

## Membership and Contacts

Kent raised the question of membership for John W. He was accepted. Comrade Murphy was granted leave for 2 weeks holidays. George was also given leave for 3 weeks.

## EDUCATIONALS

Kent gave a favorable report on last internal.

## EXTERNALS

Aug. 15 Trotsky Memorial meeting by Kent.  
Aug. 22 The U.N. in World politics by Cotton  
Sept. 5 The situation on the left by Jerry.

## INTERNALS

Aug. 20 Ethics and the Materialist Conception of History by Leblanc.  
Aug. 27 Relative and Absolute Pauperization of the Masses by Lawrence.  
Sept. 3 Summit Conferences by Cameron.  
Sept. 3 Report on the S.E.L. convention.

## SOCIAL

Kent suggest we plan to hold a Wiener roast soon.

## C.C.F.

Comrades Stevens document on the C.C.F. for the convention was read by the chairman.

PAPER Comrade Kent reports that more workers are now needed to help put the paper out.

## New BUSINESS

The delegates elected to the convention are Kent, George, and the 4 Comrades on tour. Comrades Katz and Black also may have credentials if they have funds to attend the conference.

Adjourned 11:15

MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 20, 1958

*2 copies required*  
(S.E.L.) Toronto

CHAIRMAN: COMRADE WHITE

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS

FAVORABLE REPORTS WERE MADE ON SEVERAL CONTACTS WHO NEED CLOSE WORK.

EDUCATIONALS

STEVENS REPORTED THE LAST INTERNAL WAS WELL DONE.

LEBLANC GAVE THE EDUCATIONAL ON ETHICS AND THE MATERIALISTIC CONCEPTION OF HISTORY.

FUTURE EDUCATIONALS

AUG. 27, ARE WE IN FAVOR OF SUMMIT CONFERENCES BY HARRY

RELATIVE AND ABSOLUTE PAUPERIZATION OF THE MASSES BY LAWRENCE

AUG 29, TRADE UNIONS AND LABOUR DAY BY KATZ AND WHITE *EXTERNAL*

SEPT. 3 REPORT OF DELEGATES ON THE S.E.L. CONVENTION.

SEPT. 5 SITUATION ON THE LEFT IN CANADA. BY JERRY. *EXTERNAL*

SOCIALS

COMRADE KATZ GAVE A REPORT FOR PAT WHO WAS ABSENT. A MOTION TO BOOK THE ODD FELLOWS HALL WAS PASSED. THE PACKAGE DEAL IS \$20.00 FOR THE MAIN FLOOR ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND \$25.00 FOR THE DOWNSTAIRS HALL ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

A WIENER ROAST IS PLANNED FOR TRETHAWAY PARK ON AUG. 31.

T.U.P.A.C.

COMRADE KEN REPORTS THE T. G.S.W. WILL LIKELY GO ON STRIKE AFTER THEIR EXECUTIVE MEETING.

COMRADE KATZ REPORTS HE IS STEWARD OF LOCAL 197 OF THE BARTENDERS AND BREWERIES DISPENSERS.

PAPER

CAMERON REPORTS THE PAPER WILL NOT BE OUT BEFORE SEPT. 1st.

GOOD AND WELFARE

DAVID G. PLANS TO PICKET THE FRENCH CONSULATE ON A PACIFIST ISSUE? A MOTION NOT TO PARTICIPATE WAS PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

CAMERON REPORTS THAT THE SOCIALIST FORUM WOULD NOT HELP WITH THE MEETING FOR DAVIS. SALSBERG SAYS HE CAN NOT HELP. A MOTION TO CALL OFF THE DAVIS MEETING WAS PASSED.

ADJOURNED 10:35.

MINUTES OF MEETING AUGUST 27, 1958

(S.E.L. Toronto)

CHAIRMAN: COMRADE STEVENS

Motion that Comrade Peter S. be seated - passed.

Minutes were lost by acting secretary for meeting of August 20, 1958

Correspondence - A petition sponsored by the United Socialist ticket regarding the Jimmy Wilson case was read. Motion that the comrades and contacts sign it - carried. Motion that the SEL send a letter protesting to the Minister of External Affairs - carried. Letter from comrade Kent read and tabled.

Letter regarding the Davies meeting to be held by UJPO read from Tom K. UJPO holding a public meeting on September 11. Motion to participate and support meeting in every way possible. Details referred to executive - carried.

Membership and contacts. - Comrade J. from the army will soon be out of the army, living in Toronto.

Educationals Reports given on previous educationals and classes.

Internals - August 27 - educational on ~~united socialist~~ pauperization of masses postponed to September 10.

September 3 - Report on convention by George or Paul

September 10 - pauperization of masses - ~~Cameron~~ LAWRENCE.

September 17 - Our position on World War II and concept of revolutionary defeatism - ~~Jennings~~ TIMBER

September 24 - Reform and Revolution - Bannon

Externals August 29 - Trade Unions and Labor Day -

September 5 - Round up of tour and situation in Canada among radicals - Paul

Sept 12 - What can Socialist do today - Sectarianism and Opportunism - Stevens - speaker

Armstrong - chairman

Sept. 19 3rd party tendencies in U. S. -

Robinson - speaker - Lawrence - chairman

Educational - Summit conference - Cameron

TU - PEC - full labor slate motion in next municipal elections forwarded by DeHavilland local to labor council  
No paper available to sell at Labor Day Parade.

Social - Trethewey Park a weiner roast on Sunday August 31 at 7PM

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF MEETING, OCT. 15, 1958

CHAIRMAN: Comrade Lawrence

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent read a letter from the National Committee concerning finances. On the basis of the recommendations presented in the National Committee letter, motion that a campaign director be elected and that a goal be set for the campaign. -- carried. George was elected as director. Motion that pledges be made at the next meeting, and that the financial campaign be given a permanent place on the agenda -- carried. Cameron ~~reported~~ reported that he had received a letter from Com. Russell.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS: George gave a report on discussions that Paul had had with Ruth J. concerning membership.

Murphy reported that Ken R. had given an educational at his home to some contacts the previous Saturday. There was discussion and Kent suggested that one or two comrades should attend the next one planned. Motion that the organizer contact Ken R. concerning membership and give a report to the branch. carried.

Cameron reported on Gordon E., who had been coming around frequently, had bought much literature, and expressed agreement with basic Trotskyist ideas.

Stevens reported on Jack M., whom he stated was opposed to the CCF bureaucracy, but had Stalinist positions on many issues.

EDUCATIONALS: reports

Stevens reported on the internal, 'Quiet Flows the Don', given by Murphy the previous Wednesday. A report on the external, 'the New Labor Party' by Paul and Price was given by Green. Motion that an attempt be made to change the night of the Forum so as not to be held simultaneously with one by the Socialist ~~Party~~ Labor Party-- carried.

Educationals: Motion to postpone the educational to the end of the agenda - carried.

CCF: Stevens reported on the CCF convention (provincial) to which he had been a delegate. White reported that the CCF provincial council had refused to seat him and that his union local decided not to raise the issue on the floor, but to send a letter of protest to the provincial executive. Motion that White take a strong position in the union on this matter, and that he press the issue of the union's right to elect any delegate it wishes. -- carried.

YOUTH: Stevens reported that he had been told at the provincial convention that the CCF youth was nonexistent and that CCF members formally admitted this.

PAPER: Kent reported that the paper would be delayed considerably.

TU-PAC: Price reported on an October 14th ~~meeting~~ UE meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE: White announced that there would be a Toronto Labor Council meeting Oct. 16. ~~White~~ Stevens reported that Dennison would address a special meeting of his union local in connection with his candidature in the municipal elections. Strong reported that he had been arrested by the police, that his suitcase had been forcibly taken, and that he had been held incommunicado for several hours., and that he had then been charged with vagrancy. He stated that he had been advised to take his case to court.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion that nominations for the executive be held and that elections be had at the next meeting. Carried. The following were ~~xxx~~ nominated for the executive: Lawrence, Cotton, Price, White, Paul, Cameron, Strong, Stevnes, George, ~~M~~ Bannon. *Robinson*

*Was labor, not SEL.*

Kent read a report of the National Committee on the municipal electins . Motion that the NC recommendations be adopted and that we approach Salsberg etc., with view to filling in the labor slate, and that we run no mayoralty candidate -- carried.

The following volunteered to be put up ~~and~~ as candidates: Kent, Black, Cameron, White, Strong. Motion that the treasurer be authorized to advance funds to candidates where necessary -- carried. Motion that we run specifically as socialists -carried. Motion that Strong see to it that all comrades running get on the voters' list - carried. ~~Motion~~ Motion that Paul approach Ken R. on the membership question -carried. Motion that Strong give information concerning comrades willing to run in the municipal elections - carried.

Weekly ~~cia~~ calendar read by White.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10;40 p.m.

# VOTE OF 1958 TORONTO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

(Dec)

WARD.	TOTAL MAYORALTY VOTE.	DOWSON CONTROLLER VOTE.S.E.L	DOWSON %	Dennison CONTROLLER Vote CCFee	ALDERMANIC VOTES.			
					VOTE	%	VOTE	%
1.	10,390	476	4.45	3,553	Roseblatt 423	4.00	Metheus 560	5.23
					S.E.L.		S.E.L.	
2.	9,037	334	3.69	5,156	H.DOWSON 518	7.97		
					Labor (SEL)			
3.	6,393	183	2.86	2,260				
4.	7,734	379	4.60	2,519	M.Frank LPP 783	10.13	H.Orriffe CCF 4,258	55.09
							re-elected	
5.	10,081	720	7.14	2,875	P.Pauk LPP 797	7.96		
6.	14,683	11,000	6.08	4,358	Sutherland 1,545	10.36	G.Jackson 2,116	14.40
					S.E.L.		LPP	
7.	8,272	473	5.68	2,429	T.Wilson CCF 3,019	56.55	Mrs.M.Temple 4,347	52.56
					defeated		elected CCF	
8.	16,327	560	3.43	4,949				
9.	18,535	341	1.86	5,930				
TOTAL VOTE AND AVERAGE %								
CITY	101,334	4,466	4.40	33,810				

Ernest Tate  
228 Oakwood Avenue  
Toronto -- Le. 6-8536  
January 24, 1959

Dear Sir and Brother:

Canadian Labor Congress officials have had many occasions to protest police arrogance, police intimidation, police substituting themselves for the due processes of law, at Murdochville and elsewhere. They have on many occasions fought the use of the courts for anti-working class purposes, the breaking of strikes with injunctions, etc.

I would not suggest that the case involving myself now before the Ontario Appeals Court is more alarming or more significant than the many other cases involving civil rights. What happened to me last fall on a Toronto street happens many times. But that is just what makes the case I am involved in so important - in this incident, one of many that take place every week in Toronto, we have a test case.

The case of Ernest Tate vrs the crown is important because it involves the police and a magistrate's court in the area where your membership resides. My conviction as a vagrant on the grounds acted upon by a Toronto magistrate has set a far-reaching precedent that authorizes Toronto police to stop and search anyone wearing the normal apparel of a working man and conducting himself on a Toronto street in a normal way.

The Association for Civil Liberties with which are associated such notables as Andrew Brewin, Joseph Sedgwick, E. B. Jolliffe, has identified itself with this case. Its secretary Irving Himel handled the case before the Toronto courts and is handling the appeal. Should the Appeal Court uphold the magistrate he is prepared to take the case through to the highest courts in the land. In order to do this it is important that the case get publicity and support.

I have been privileged to speak to a general meeting of Local 796 of the International Union of Operating Engineers. The local expressed great interest in the case, donated \$25.00 and asked to be informed of further developments and should further aid be required. Upon their request I submitted an article on the case for publication in their paper, the Gauge. Local 514 of the United Electrical Workers Union also invited me to speak to them and donated \$100.00 to meet the costs of the case.

I am attaching a copy of the IUOE paper containing an article on the case for your information. I would appreciate it if you turned it over to the editorial board for publication in whole or in part in your local's paper. I am also attaching a reproduction of a letter that appeared in the Jan. 2 letters to the Toronto Star editor which relates a similar incident to mine, revealing the prevalence of police intimidation and arrogance towards working men and women in Toronto.

I would appreciate it if you would take this letter up with your local. I would be pleased to attend a future meeting of your local to acquaint them with the full implication of this case. I am sure you will agree that this case is worthy of the support of your local.

Fraternally  
*E Tate*  
Ernest Tate

MINUTES OF MEETING<sup>7</sup>, JAN. 28, 1959

CHAIRMAN: Comrade White

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent reported on letters he had received from ~~Adair~~ Adair, Peter L. and Stevens.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS: Cameron reported on a promising new contact that had been around the store recently. Kent and Scott reported on contact Roy B. Black reported some new contacts who were at the last forum.

EDUCATIONALS: REPORTS

Internal: Cotton gave a report on Kent's educational of Jan. 21 on the CCF.

External: Black, Scott, and Wright and Kent reported on the Forum of Jan. 25 on China given by Langley, Wright, and Bannon.

FUTURE EDUCATIONALS: The following line-up of topics and speakers was adopted.

Internal:

Feb. 11 - China Discussion - Scott

Feb. 25 - SWP Majority and Minority Documents - Robinson

External: Feb. 1 - Trade Unions and the New Labor Party - chairman; Cameron, speaker: Robinson

Feb. 8 - Nature of the Class Struggle in Canada - Chairman: George speaker: Kent

Feb. 15 - The Gagnon Document - chairman; Wein - outside speakers to be obtained if possible.

Feb. 22 - 21st Congress of the CPSU - chairman: Bannon speaker: Paul

SUBRENEWALS: Report by Cotton.

CCF: White reported on PAC-CCF conferences being held on the structure ~~of~~ and program of the projected new labor party. Wright reported on a recent meeting of the Rosedale CCF.

LPP: Robinson and Lawrence reported on the ~~Jan.~~ Feb. 1 LPP meeting and on distribution of the paper. Motion that Robinson and Paul be struck off as contacts to the LPP forums - carried.

YOUTH: no report.

PAPER: Report by Kent.

CIVIL RIGHTS: Report by Kent.

TU-PAC: White announced there would be a TLC meeting Jan. 29. Volunteers for distribution: Cotton White Reported on a recent meeting of his union local.

SOCIAL: Motion that Timber be emcee at the Jan. 31 social, but that if necessary Kent substitute - carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Cameron gave, on behalf of the executive, notice of motion for ~~vacancies~~ nominations for the vacancy of the executive and the executive's recommendation of Robinson.

GODD AND WELFARE: none

ADJOURNED: 11:05 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS JAN FEB. 4/59

CHAIRMAN Comrade Robinson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS: John J. gave a report on his new contact, Black also reported on a discussion he had with him. Paul gave a report on the Lithuanian contact from work, a favourable militant. White, Wright, and Wien, gave reports on Montreal contact. ~~XXXXXX~~ Albert R. was reported on by Kent, Hall and Black.. Motion that Black be struck off to approach him for membership.. Also other favourable contacts were mentioned.

EDUCATIONALS: Reports. EDUCATIONAL FOR FEB <sup>18</sup> REFERRED TO EXECUTIVE.

Internal: White reported on Lawrence's educational, said it was very good, the best one she has given.

External: Black reported on the C.C.F. Educational by Robinson. White also reported, said it was too general.

C.C.F. Cotton reported on the development of his brother's membership in the C.C.F. - they have not accepted him for membership as they say for membership in the "Trotskyist" Youth Group. Black also reported.

L.B.P. None.

YOUTH: None.

CIVIL RIGHTS: Report on further developments by Strong.

T.U. P.A.C. White reported there would be a T.L.C. meeting.

Black reported on grievance in Local 1111.

Timber reported that they had settled the contract at his local 50 cent increase.

~~XXXXX~~  
SOCIAL: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Comrade Paul was elected to the executive.

Comrade Wien reported that the University of McGill would like a speaker to address the Social Democratic Ass'n in approx 3 weeks.

GOOD AND WELFARE: NONE;

MEETING ADJOURNED 10.40 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25, 1959

CHAIRMAN: Comrade Cotton

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wein reported a letter received from the McGill Socialist Forum. Motion to strike off one of the comrades to speak there in Montreal, March 3 - carried. Motion to send Kent, with Robinson as alternate - carried.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS: Cameron reported that Albert R. had expressed the desire to Black of joining the party.

#### EDUCATIONALS: REPORTS

Internal: Kent reported on Black's educational of Feb. 18 on China.

External: Strong and Paul gave reports on the educational on the Gagnon document given Feb. 15 by Wein and Langley.

Cameron gave a report on the first session of the economics class.

FUTURE EDUCATIONALS: The following schedule of topics and speakers was adopted:

Internal: Motion that the educational of March 11 be moved to March 25 - carried.

March 11 - SOURCES and Roots of the SEL - Wright

March 18 - Art of Revolutionary Socialist Politics - Wein

Motion to have a report of the Montreal work and a discussion, under the heading of regroupment - carried.

External: Motion to hold a public meeting at Liberty Hall on the AVRO layoff - carried. Motion that the educational on the Agrarian Situation in Canada be pushed back one week - carried. Motion that Timmer and Kent be struck off as chairman and speaker respectively for the AVRO meeting - carried.

March 15 - Canada - US Relations - chairman: Kent

speaker: Scott

March 22 - Socialism and the Individual - chairman: Langley

speaker: Robinson

SUB-RENEWALS: Report by Kent.

EDUCATIONAL: The Split in the SWP - Robinson

CCF: Kent announced that there would be a union conference Feb. 29 at Steelworkers Hall to hold discussions on the labor party problem and that some comrades should make an attempt to be there.

Cameron announced that the Socialist Forum would be meeting Feb. 28 on the Future of Socialism in Canada. Kent was struck off to attend.

LPP: no report      YOUTH: no report

PAPER: Kent announced that there would be an editorial board meeting Feb. 28.

SOCIAL: Scott reported on the Feb. 28 social and on the PA system. Kent was chosen as alternate master of ceremonies.

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TU-PAC: Cameron announced the AVRO meeting Feb. 26 at the Coliseum

NEW BUSINESS: Motion that the organizer be authorized to obtain ten Days Shook the World and take other necessary action - carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE: none

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:55 p.m

MINUTES OF MEETING, MARCH 18, 1959

CHAIRMAN: Comrade Jennings

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent reported on a letter received from Peter L.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS: Kent and Cameron reported on a new contact who had phoned into the store. Adair and Cameron gave reports on a promising new contact with a lot of union experience. Motion to consider S. a live contact - defeated. Wein reported on contact Roger H., a member of the economics class.

EDUCATIONALS: REPORTS

Internal: Paul gave a report on Timber's educational of Mar. 11 on 'Sources and Roots of the SEL'.

External: Adair, Hall, Cotton and Katz reported on the educational of Mar. 15, 'Canadian\*U.S. Relations' given by Scott and Kent

FUTURE EDUCATIONALS:

Internal: Mar. 25 - 'Art of Revolutionary Socialist Politics' - Wein  
Apr. 1 - Montreal report - ~~La~~ Langley  
Apr. 8 - 'RWP Period' - Kent

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External:

Mar. 29 ~~Apr 5~~ - What is Socialist Internationalism?  
speaker: Cotton chairman; Black

Apr. 5 - Lessons of the IWA Strike & Developments  
in B.C. -panel

Apr. 12 - The Question of East - West Trade  
speaker; Wein chairman: Robinson

CCF: Cotton reported that he definitely would be refused CCF membership. Bannon moved, on behalf of the executive that the following comrades investigate ~~the~~ CCF activity in the following areas and make a report: Rosedale: Karl, Hall, Murphy; Spadina: John, Ruth; South York: Lawrence; Broadview: Bannon; Davenport: Adair. Report adopted as read.

LPP: Paul gave a report on Stan T. Cameron reported an interview with Mrs. P.

PAPER: Report by Kent CIVIL RIGHTS Report by Strong.

SUB-RENEWALS: Paul recommended on behalf of the executive that the campaign organizer schedule the drive when vehicles would be available -

SOCIAL: Scott reported on arrangements for the Mar 21 social.

TU-PAC: Paul reported on the Mar. 16 IWA meeting at USA Hall. Hall gave a report on the situation in GSW.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to cancel the Mar. 28 economics class - carried.

GOOD AND WELFARE: none

EDUCATIONAL: Report on Developments in G.B. - Adair

Weekly calendar was read by Greenwood.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10: 35 pm

MINUTES OF MEETING, APRIL 22, 1959

CHAIRMAN: Comrade Katz

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent reported on the letter sent to the Gagnon group, conveying greetings to their convention.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS: Cameron gave a report on contact Albert R. and on the condition of Com. Greenwood. Motion that a gift be sent on behalf of the branch - carried. White reported on contact Roger B. Cameron and Langley gave reports on Roger H.

EDUCATIONALS: REPORTS - Internal:  
Cotton and Cameron reported on Kent's educational of April 15 - the RWP Period.

External: The educational of April 19 - East-West Trade - given by Wein and Robinson, was reported by Kent and Langley.

SUB-RENEWALS: Report by Cotton. Motion to refer campaign for new subscriptions to the executive - carried.

EDUCATIONAL: Is Socialism Inevitable? by Cameron

CCF: White reported that on May 9 a TLC-sponsored union-CCF provincial election conference would start at the King Edward Hotel. Katz reported the South York spring social. Motion to refer the question of a provincial election candidate to the executive - carried.

LPP: no report YOUTH: no report

PA PER: Kent announced that there would be an editorial board meeting April 23.

CIVIL RIGHTS: Reports by Kant and White.

SOCIAL: Reports by Leblanc, White and Kent on the recent house social.

TU-PAC: White reported on a meeting of the continuations committee and that his union local had passed the anti-labor legislation resolution put forward by the union conference of militants. Motion to adopt the report and to accept the idea of a May 10 forum meeting. Motion that White run for committeeman in the union election - carried. Pryce reported on a meeting of the legislative committee of his local of UE.

NEW BUSINESS: Kent reported the names of comrades wishing to go on the tour and asked for further names if any.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Cameron reported a 60% discount to comrades on certain books was available.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:15 p.m.

Minutes of May 27, 1959

Future Eds. June 4-Current Policy of the LPP\*Strong

Sub Drive-Report by Langley-adopted

Motion-Scott struck off to assess CCF signs and make report-carried.

Educational-Leninist Concept of the Party-Adair

CCF-Langley reported on High Park activities

Cameron gave an executive report allocating comrades to certain ridinga to work in the campaign.

Cotton reported on the situation in Riverdale.

Hall reported on Local 1111 activities in the election

Strong reported on the inactivity in S. York, so went to Dovercourt riding instead.

Katz reported that St. Patrick's riding CCF club refused his help in the election campaign

White reported that Local 212 UAW PAC may switch their support to another riding due to red baiting of York Centre officials.

Black reported on St. David's riding activities.

LPP-Hall reported on LPP activities in Dovercourt.

Youth-Cotton reported a collection of ~~#22~~ \$32.00 in the branch for the Young Socialist newspaper fund.

Paper- Kent reported that there would be an editorial board meeting on May 28.

Social-Scott reported on plans for the June 13-14 Three arrows weekend.

TUPAC-White reported that donations to the Tate case were refrred to the executive in his local.

New Business-Adair reported on the tour.

Strong gave a PC report saying that Wein and Langley were instructed to contact the Peace Congress to promote a march on N. Bay against the establishment of a missile base there and also try to suggest the broadening of the peace committee to include other organizations. The PC also struck off Kent to attend executive meetings in the immediate period.

Motion to file the report was accepted.

Lawrence was elected branch secretery to replace Bannon who is going on the tour.

Cameron read the calendar and the meeting adjourned at 10:45P.M.

~~Minutes of May 3, 1959~~  
Minutes of June 3, 1959

Minutes of May 27th were not read. They will be read at the next branch meeting.

No correspondence.

Membership & Contacts

Kent reported on a contact of Black's.

Wein reported on Roger, who went out with her on CCF work.

Educationals

Future educationals are lined up.

Kent reported on the Rubenstein meeting, which will be on Thursday, June 18th. She will be speaking to UJPO on a political topic on the 17th, and wants to speak to us on a cultural topic such as Dr. Zhivago, or Berthold Brecht. A suggestion that she speak to us on Peace was negatively received from the branch, when it was reported that she takes the line of peaceful co-existence. What the topic will be is not yet known, but it will definitely be a public meeting, and we will approach the LPP, Salzberg etc for co-sponsorship with us.

Motion of concurrence with Kent's report was carried. (White)

~~An amendment to keep the topic of Peace open, was defeated. (Strong)~~

Motion to cancel the branch meeting of June 17th-carried. (Kent)

Greenwood reported on Adair's internal.

There was no external to report on.

Greenwood reported on the progress of the economics class.

Sub Drive

Wein reported that the previous Saturday 8 comrades were out on sub work, and got 10 subs; Monday 9 were out, and got 17 subs.

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Lawrence, George and Kent gave reports on their experiences.

Kent made a motion that the sub drive meet from 7:15 to 7:30 P.M.

and that a close restaurant be picked as a meeting place for afterward.--carried.

Wein made a motion that we go out on the following Saturday to get subs from houses that have CCF sign up-carried.

Kent suggested that we try Saturday mornings instead of afternoons, since people go out in the afternoons. Also, that when people aren't home, and there is a CCF sign on the house, take down the number.

Wein made a motion that we go back to Ward 6 on the following Monday, and meet at the corner of College and Lansdowne at 7:15 P.M.--carried.

Treasurer's Report

Greenwood gave a treasurer's report for the month of May. Motion to accept the report was carried.

Educational

Katz gave the educational on the Yugoslav program.

CCF Report

George and Greenwood reported on the inactivity at both St. Davids and St. George CCF riding headquarters.

Hall, Hornchmeier, Strong, reported on their CCF experiences in the campaign.

LPP -none

Paper-Deadline is June 8th for all articles.

Tour-Kent reported that the tour left Sunday, May 31st, and has gotten 200 subs, and made excellent contacts in the Hamilton area so far. It will leave for Brantford on June 4th, come in on Saturday the 6th, then leave for Oshawa.

Social-Scott gave a social financial report.

Kent made a motion to extend a vote of thanks to the social committee-carried.

The camp weekend at Three Arrows on June 12th weekend was discussed, and Scott reported that the deposits must be in by Saturday, June 6th, or it would be assumed that you weren't coming.

TUPAC-Hall reported that at his Union meeting \$300 was donated to McCauley's campaign

White reported that on June 5th, the Newfoundland resolution would be coming up at TLC.

Hall reported that the Steel Workers have been instructed by their union to cross sheet metal workers picket line.

Kent said that Hall should fight against such action, and that no picket line should be crossed. It was ~~as~~abbing.

New Business-Wein reported that she spoke to Eva Sabderson, and got a favorable response on the proposal of a march on North Bay. On the suggestion that the organization broaden out and unite with other groups, it was made clear that anyone could join as an individual, but under no other circumstances. Motion to adopt the report was carried.

Calendar was read.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

Minutes of both May 27 and June 3rd were read and adopted.

No correspondence.

No Membership & Contacts.

Educational Reports- Cameron reported on Katz's internal on Yugoslavia.

Langley reported on the Marxist class and its progress.

Future Educationals

Educationals were lined up as follows, after an executive report by Strong:

Internal-June 24-Socialism in One Country-speaker-Greenwood

Externals-June 26-Window Onto Hungary-speaker-George

July 3rd-Automation-round table (Greenwood, LeBlanc, Bell)

(These two educationals were originally lined up interchanged, but a motion to move George's educational up to June 26th carried) Strong made a motion to adopt the concept of a series of externals which carried. The series are:

1-The Nature of the State:

a-July 10-Parliamentary Road to Socialism-Scott

b-July 17-Degenerate Workers State (i.e. Soviet Union)-Robinson

c-July 24-Dictatorship of the Proletariat-The State Under Socialism-Lawrence

Speakers are Robinson, Scott & Lawrence who will divide the topics amongst themselves as they see fit.

2-Marxist Method:

a-Anthropology-Robinson (July August 7)

b-Psychology-Lois B. (August 14)

c-Literature & Art-Lawrence (August 21)

Motion to cancel in-between externals was carried (that is July 31)

Sub Drive-Langley reported on the progress of the sub drive. The future sub drive will meet Monday June 15, corner Lansdowne & College at 7:15 P.M.

Cameron and George also reported on their experiences.

Educational-Strong gave the educational on The Current Policy of the LPP.

CCF-Lawrence and Kent reported on the Massey Hall rally.

George and Strong reported on campaign work in the elections.

Kent made a motion that we not take advantage of the pressures to join the CCF if we are marked as Trotskyists-carried.

Scott, Black, White, Cameron and Greenwood also gave CCF reports.

LPP-Lawrence reported on the Jesse Jackson Campaign.

Paper-Kent reported that the deadline was passed, but all the material had not yet been turned in.

Tour-Kent reported that the tour was going well. 240 subs have already been picked up.

Social-Scott reported on the camping weekend. Kent made a motion to adopt the report-carried.

TUPAC-Katz reported on the Longshoremen's Strike.

New Business-Kent reported on the plans for the Rubenstein meeting. A mailing, phoning and ad in the Star will all be used as advertisement for the meeting. If Wein cannot be the chairman, Kent will be.

Tavarra made a motion to discuss the unity of the 4th International ~~xx~~ under correspondence, and that the correspondence be made available to the branch beforehand.

~~The chair was challenged by Kent. The chair was upheld.~~

Motion to refer Tavarra's motion to the executive was carried. Langley suggested that the executive take into account, when discussing this matter, that England will shortly be issuing an answer to Pablo's document.

The calendar was read by Cameron and the meeting adjourned at 11:00

(Oct 3, '59)

by Ernie Strong

The modification of the orientation to the CCF which was known as the "deep entry tactic" took place in Vancouver in 1956 and was reaffirmed again at our National convention in Vancouver in 1958. This change was instituted mainly for the following reasons:

1. The organizational decline of the CCF.
2. The decimation and exit made by the left-wing. In Ontario the left-wing had vanished long ago. In BC it had ceased to become viable. Except for a few clubs in Vancouver the left-wing had left the party. This was expressed by the formation of the Young Group and the subsequent publication of Press.
3. The 20th Congress speech by Khrushchov, resulting in a major crisis in the LPP. The membership of the party went into a rapid decline. There was a host of resignation.

On top of this when we reaffirmed our basic policy in 1958 there came the project of a new labour party.

The adoption of the regroupment tactic did not mean the CCF orientation was finished. It meant a change of emphasis in our work. It meant a change of emphasis in our work. It meant that we would take a position of maintaining where possible contact with the CCF with a minimum of effort and meanwhile exploiting to the full the regroupment possibilities. At our 1958 convention it appeared to us that the organizational form of the CCF, the constituency club, was becoming less important and the PAC's were going to be the arena of activity. It was felt that some adjustments in the organizational form would take place. The CCF leadership had been undermining the clubs for some time. This was especially true in Ontario where the clubs were reduced to mere electoral machines. For example in Toronto one club met on a yearly basis.

While our source of information is limited, evidence indicates that this trend and organizational decline has been arrested. The reason for the constituency clubs existence has been that this was the only political form through which the trade unionists could find expression in the last provincial elections and that the labour party hasn't developed its concrete form of expression and was more or less in suspension.

For the future it is important to note that any new parliamentary party will need organizational forms of a constituency nature. This is not to say that the predominant force in the new party won't be the PAC's.

It must be reported at this stage that we have been lax over the past year in maintaining our CCF contacts. This is justified to a certain extent because of the complete lack of activity in that arena and the difficulty in giving a comrade a perspective.

It is ~~proposed~~ not proposed that we rush into the CCF at this time, or that an area of golden opportunities suddenly confronts us. What is being stressed is that we have failed to keep sufficient contact.

It is important that we retain enough contact with the CCF that we can feel its pulse, and move in to take advantage when the situation is favorable.

Another important factor is that for many of our comrades who are not trade unionists it will serve as a doorway into the labour party.

While we always maintained in the past that the CCF embodied the labour party concept we always felt that its basis was on the farm.

The decisive shift of the trade unionist activist into the new party holds great potential for us in the future.

(Found in 1959)

YOUTH GROUP REPORT

by John Bannon

*The construction of  
a broad, all-inclusive  
youth with*

In working toward the objective of building a mass revolutionary socialist youth organization, we saw over the past year, that the necessary orientation of the youth comrades was regroupment as the main line in tactical work. As time passed, it became increasingly evident that there were no significant possibilities for regroupment. We found that the forces with which we had hoped to apply this tactic were hopelessly dissipated. Attempts to approach what remained of the CCF and LPP youth, and other socialist-inclined groups met with no success. However, our efforts to interest students on the campus resulted in several of them coming more or less regularly to the meetings of the Young Socialist Alliance, as the group had constituted itself. The better contacts of the group were specifically interested in Trotskyism, and not in socialist ideas on a general plane. This was due no doubt, in part to the fact that the group had been labelled by the CCF youth and others as Trotskyist from its inception. All this does not mean however, that regroupment should be completely dropped, but that it has ceased to be the main consideration in the youth field. We have concluded that at least temporarily, our main efforts must in future be directed to the campus pending the development of new trends which have recently appeared on the youth scene.

It is apparent that the CCF is making a concerted effort to reconstruct the almost-defunct national CCF youth. The Sask. provincial section has taken upon itself the responsibility of publishing a monthly national youth paper, and of maintaining permanent offices and a full-time paid national organizer. It is probable that, in line with political developments over the past period, it will be possible for the CCF to rebuild its youth movement in Toronto, which will present us with practical opportunities for orientating towards this formation, and later the youth movement of the new labour party. There is also the possibility of a small scale revival of the LPP youth on a social basis, owing to the growing prestige of the USSR due to recent technological progress on a ~~practical~~ spectacular scale, and the setbacks to capitalism resulting in the Khrushchov visit and the postponement of imperialism's war plans. This is another field in which we may be able to move effectively, although it is by no means as certain as the CCF development. On the Toronto campus, a group of students who gravitated toward our group last year, have organized, or are in the process of organizing, a broad socialist discussion forum, independent of the CCF youth. Some of these people have considerable leaning toward our ideas, although for the most part they are nervous about formally associating themselves with Trotskyists. If this newly-organized group functions successfully, it may well be possible for us to influence the future development of the group and pick up new contacts from it.

All factors being taken into account, prospects for youth activity in the coming period have improved considerably over the situation as it was last year, and we are confident that the work will go forward more successfully in the next year. We hope that this conference will project a clear-cut policy that will make this the most successful year possible towards building a Trotskyist youth movement in Canada.

Minutes of February 24, 1960.

Chairman : Jennings.

Minutes of previous meeting Adopted as read.

#### Membership and Contacts:

Kent raised the question of A. Snobel. Timber gave a report of a discussion between Comrade Burns and himself. Cameron ~~xxxx~~ participated in discussion also Scott, Black, Kent, Robinson and Strong. Timber made the Motion "We take up Burns remarks and allow Snobel to come around and participate in activities, and for comrades to have friendly relations to him. CARRIED:

Kent asked if anyone had done anything to-wards bring Gord W. closer to us, Strong said he would approach him to work with him, and they would invite him and his wife to their home.

#### EDUCATIONALS.

##### Past Internal.

Strong gave a report on Comrade Faulkner's internal on "Peaceful co-existence. Kent also comment. Scott reported on the Internal with Comrade Burns.

##### Past External:

Comrade Lawrence reported on the Forum held for Comrade Burns at which there were 55 people in attendance. Pryce also commented.

##### Class on Rus. Rev:

It was announced that the class had been moved up to Friday nights, instead of Saturday afternoons. Scott gave a report on the last class, and raised the question of low membership, Kent asked for further comments on the class, Lawrence, Pryce Robinson gave these.

The educational scheduled for to-night, to be given by Shane, was dropped because of his absence.

##### Future Line-Up.

##### Internal:

March 29 "Relationship between Economy and Working Class" speaker Comrade George.  
March 2, Report of Plennem speaker comrade Paul.  
March 16 Topic tabled.

##### External:

February 28 "Cuba" Speaker Comrade Bannon - Chair Comrade Strong  
March 6 "Labor Party" Speaker Comrade Paul - Chair Comrade Pryce.  
March 13 "Socialist attitude to Crime" Speaker Katz, Chair Robinson

##### CCF.

Bannon gave a report of Toronto District Confernee and his partic.

CCF. Cont'd.

ipation in it.

Lawrence reported that she and Strong have received their membership cards in the CCF.

George raised the question of all the comrades & Contacts in the CCF having a caucus meeting.

Kent put forward the following Motion:

1. That all comrades work around their riding Clubs,
2. That all comrades who were not expelled to join the CCF now.
3. That any comrades now in try and get posts on executives of their clubs, where-ever possible.

Bannon spoke in favor of Kents motion, also Strong.

Motion Carried.

YOUTH

4 comrades sold 17 copies of the "Young Socialist" to-day at the U of T.--- Pryce reported.

PAPER:

Kent reported that the paper had been postponed for 1 week.

SOCIAL:

Kent gave report that this coming Saturday Night there would be a Social.

Strong gave notice of Motion that the Branch Elect person to handle the "Rummage Sale".

Kent made a motion that the Executive take up the question of Social Committee and bring down report next week.

New Business.

Black raised the question of the youth trip to Montreal for 1 week, a motion was made that Peter Shane and Black be given 1 weeks leave of absence ---- Carried.

Comrade Faulkner gave a report of why the Youth committee had requested the leave of absence and the reasons behind the trip. Strong spoke in favor of the Trip also Comrade Black.

Timber made motion that the exec. be authorized to extend to Youth Group on tour. any money is necessary.

Educational - to-night.

Kent gave a report of the Meeting that had been held here in Toronto.  
Meeting Adjourned 11 p.m.

*Adopted*

Minutes of Meeting of March 30th, 1960

Chairman Comrade Lawrence,

Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read.

Membership and Contacts.

Kent made a motion that Bill C. the Scots contact, be approached for membership in the branch by a comrade, but not in formal manner  
Motion carried

George, Cameron, Lawrence added to the report. Cameron was elected to speak to Bill C.,

It was suggested that comrade Carter speak to Nick O. White gave a report on Nat. F. and Fred P. and proposed that Kent have a discussion with them regarding membership in the branch. Kent suggested the same type of approach to Ed R. of Ottawa.

Past Educationals:

Internals.

White gave report on Robinson's Educational "Tariffs & Protections"

External:

Green reported on "Negroes on th March" with Black and Pryce, Kent supplemented report, and pointed out that the meeting was an anti climax to the work of the week preceeding it, instead of the climax, also mentioned was the low attendance.

Line Up- Internal

How to deliver and educational -----Speaker Robinson.

External-- Kent made a motion to refer to New Business.

Financial Drive.,

Bannon gave report and asked that all comrades going out on the drive meet Sunday at 1.30 at the bookstore.

Bannon gave the educational "Tretskyist role in Spain.

C.C.F.

George reported on formation of new clubs in the West end. Shane gave report of meeting on May 4th, CCF role in the New Party Lawrence gave report of Dovercourt meeting, at which a discussion took place regarding a two day seminar for Labour Prty discussions.

Youth Report.

Cotten gave a report on the Picket Line action. George Shane, White Kent Bannon Robinson, Black also gave reports.

Cotten gave report of past meeting of YSA. exec. Form which the following motion was proposed. "That the picket line be on April 9th. Motion carried.

Social:

Greenwood gave report on past social, and also banquet progress. George gave progress report on the Ru mmage sale to date.

TU PAC.

White gave report on happenings in the UAW caucus.

Meeting Adjourned. 11.15

*Adopted.*

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 11, 1960

Chairman Comrade Paul:

Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read.

## Correspondence:

Letter to all contacts and members at large, written by Bannon, giving a summation of the Financial Drive to date read by Paul.

## Membership and contacts:

Scot asked for 2 weeks leave of absence to start May 18, 1960, motion granted.

Cotton reported on contact who came into the store on Saturday and down to the Forum on Sunday, worth following up. Kent reported on Richardson

## Educational;

## Reports:

Past Internal: Kent gave report on Blacks educational "Korean situation" White also commented.  
Past External: White gave report on Paul & BRENNs educational "Canadas economic position" Kent also commented.  
Line-Up May 18th "Down to N.B."  
May 25th Report on Trotsky School - Adair  
June 1st. Chinese Question. - Jenkins  
June 8th " " "

Motion was passed that we have a report from Kent on the Tour for 1960

May 20th "Relation Students to the Class Struggle  
Black & Pryce.

It was suggested by the exec. that we hold a series of 4 classes in June to be given by Cameron Scott, Robinson, Wilson. Motion carried.

have a brief period from classes on Friday  
Kent made a motion that we ~~have a brief period from classes on Friday~~  
~~XXXXXX~~ nights. in order to get caught up on some of the other work,  
to be down. carried.

Financial Drive.: Bannon gave a report on the financial standing of the drive. Green gave his report on people seen, and suggested that the drive be extended a week or so more, in order that we may reach the target.

Financial Report: Jenkins gave the financial report for April, Scott moved it to be adopted as read, carried.

Kent gave the educational on the Cuban situation.

C.C.F. Bannon gave report of the East End Seminar. White reported that there will be a Seminar at New Toronto at which Ken O. is a delegate and also, that other trade union comrades would be able to attend. the sessions will be Sat 9.30 to 4.30 Sunday 10am til 4. p.m.

## Youth:

Pryce gave a report on the March to North Bay, which he attended he said that the U.E. sent a car for transportation for students, he also commented on the actions of the other sponsors of this motorcade, at the rally in North Bay. The Parade had news coverage from C.B.C.

Youth Continued.

Black made a motion that the picket line to be held on Saturday be postponed in favour of the Rally on Thursday night May 19 motion carried.

T.U. Pac:

Cameron gave a report of the latest developments in local union, that they have set up a P.A.C. committee. Kent gave a meeting which was held at Whites at which Paul Siren, Nat. F. Fred P. Roger B. attended.

SOCIAL:

Executive brought down a recommendation that we hold a social for Paul & George on May 27th, that this be a house social. carried. Kent made a motion that due to the lateness of the hour we table the banquet report until May 18th. carried.

New Business: Cotton raised the question of the 3 vacancies on the Exec. made a notice of motion that we hold elections to elect new officers.

Motion was passed that we have a further discussion of the Cuban situation as the educational for May 18th.

Calenda read by Kent.

Meeting adjourned 11.30 p.m.

*Adopted as recd*

Minutes of the Meeting of July 6th, 1960

Chairman: Comrade Scott.

Correspondence: Letter was read from Comrade George. Motion to file.

Membership & Contacts: Cameron gave a report on John D. Motion to accept him into the branch carried. Motion to grant him leave of absence for duration of the tour ..... granted.  
Motion that comrade Strong see Frank G. .... carried.  
Cameron gave a report of the two girls who had been around the Youth group, and that one Ruth R had expressed her desires to join the League. Kent made a motion that be asked to join the Y.S.A. immediately.....carried.

Educational; Cameron gave a report of the past internal.....

"Discussion on Cuba " led by Strong.

Internal Line Up: July 6th... Bureaucracy" .....Robinson.  
July 13th...Relationship between Adult & Youth in Revolutionary Mov.... Pryce  
July 20th...T.U. National Autonomy... White  
July 27th...Canadian Neutrality in World Arena..... Williams.

External Line Up: 4 Canadian History Classes ... July 8.....Cameron  
... July 15.....Robinson  
... July 22.....Bannon  
... July 29.....Scott.

Treasurers Report: Kent moved the adoption of this report...carried.

Robinson gave the Educational: Nature of ~~Bureaucracy~~ Bureaucrac

CCF: Kent reported on "Newsletter" - a bulletin from J. Mateer, ~~Windsor~~ Windsor.

Youth: Bannon gave a report on the picket line at the bomb shelter. He proposed that we hold another line this Saturday... Time to be decided later. LeBlanc raised the question of whether we should answer people who try heckling us ..... Kent proposed the possibility of holding a token line ...noon and evenings.

Sub Drive: Three people went out and they got 7 subs.

Social: Green wood gave a report.....proposing a Picnic on Sunday July 17th at Wards Island .... carried.

TUPAC.....NIL

GOOD AND WELFARE.....NIL

MEETING ADJOURNED .....10.30pm.

Minutes meeting October 12, 1960

Strong in the chair

Secretary absent--Kent elected

Minutes of previous meeting read as information

Correspondence- two letters read from tourists--expect to arrive in Toronto this coming weekend.

Attendance - present-Leblanc, White, Kent, Strong, Price, Scott, Williams Douglas, Green, Robinson, Jenkins (11) Absent with known reason-Cameron Greenwood. Jenkins requested leave of absence for three weeks as his job will be taking him out of town--moved and passed. Motion that comrade Strong contact Cameron to see that either he or Cameron make sure that comrades Shane and Peter L are seen before the next meeting with regards to their continued absence.--passed

#### Educational

Evaluation of last week's educational by Williams on Neutralism and external Friday night class by Kent on the United Nations. Next Friday night October 14 on the US Elections to be given by Price with Scott in the chair. Motion that the internal education for October 19 be on the Toronto election campaign we are planning and that it be given by Kent--passed. Motion that the internal education October 26 be given by the Trailblazers dealing with matters that have flown out of the tour experience but which are of an internal character--the exact topic to be decided upon their arrival as to with the speaker--passed Motion that we launch our fall winter Sunday Forums on October 23rd--passed Motion that the topic be The Condition and Mind of the Left across Canada to be given by the Trailblazers--passed. Motion that we advertise this meeting in one of the daily papers and put out a general mailing --passed.

Dues and pledges- Motion that comrade Robinson function as treasurer during Jenkins absence--passed. Dues and pledges collected.

Educational- Comrade Scott on The criteria we use to determine that a state is a workers state.

CCF --report by Leblanc on the Eglinton club meeting --about 20 persons present mostly older women-report and discussion of national convention.. Strong reported that Davenport club meets this Friday. Motion that organizer contact comrades that are absent and not members of the CCF or trade union new parties to attend the October 15 New Party meeting October 15 at King Edward Hotel

White reported that the CCF T&D and the Labor Council PAC will be holding their joint meeting on the Toronto elections this coming Wednesday night at the Park Plaza-- Motion that we circulate a leaflet to this meeting urging it to assure the Toronto electorate that there will be a labor slate in the coming elections and signed by our last municipal election candidates.--passed

Youth- Motion that the SEL members in the YSA and our executive meet to discuss our policy with regards to the CCF youth and the new party youth--passed.

Social- Motion that we proceed as planned with our social welcoming the trail blazer back on October 22nd--passed. Motion that we hire live music and that students be granted admission rates same as unemployed--passed

TU-PAC- Report by Pryce that ~~the~~ the Stalinist leadership of his UE local were successful in defeating his motion that the UE support the New Party but that he got strong support from the local president--vote was 8 to 5. Kent comment that he thought that the question of the new party may well be just what we need to build a left caucus ~~around~~ in that local

New Business and Good and Welfare Motion that we strike off a librarian to administer our library--passed-- Scott elected. Report by Kent on progress on decorating the lounge

Motion to adjourn--passed.

Minutes of Meeting of SELA Toronto-Nov 2/60

Chair-Adair

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Minutes-Read and adopted as corrected for Oct 19 & 26

Attendance- Dalton, Ken, John Bannen, Morgan, Black,  
Shane, Bill C, Strong Kent, Leblanc

M & C- proposed by Kent that we should have more  
political experience with Sam before asking him for  
membership

- proposed that comrades should get to know  
the Teamsters contacts better

Educationals-reports-int-none

ext- by Bannen & Kent on Strong's  
speech of Oct 30, 30 attending, an  
"The New Party and Socialists"  
future-int-Nov 9, Morgan, on the YS bulletin  
- Nov 16, election internal  
ext-Nov 6, R.R.-Ken & Adair  
Nov 13, Himmel-US elections

Educational by Bannen on "Is the SU Imperialist?"

Election report-Kent's report-report that 3 out of 4  
letters to the editor were published in  
the Star, request to send more.

-letter sent out to all TU locals asking  
for support in elections-comrades asked  
to volunteer for map work

CCF-Dalton reported that Davenport Club is recruiting  
not into the CCF, but into the New Party-recruiting  
is done on door-to-door canvassing basis throughout  
the riding

Youth-report by Bannen on C.F. provincial convention and  
the successful participation of the YSA in it  
report adopted

Social-report on rummage sale by Pat M

More on Youth- moved that YSA be advised to hold Cuba  
picketline in afternoon, after the rummage sale-  
passed

Paper- volunteer s asked to help put out paper on  
Thursday night.

TU-PAC-reported by Kent that about 7 members of the  
Teamster caucus want us to hold a series of classes on  
Marxist economics, starting this ~~Sunday~~ week.  
report adopted

-report by Pat on the U.E.unemployed organization  
and on how they are using them purely as a party recr-  
uiting arena, not to organize the unemployed, even to  
the point of opposing mass meetings.

-report of impact of N.P. impact on UE, and of  
their continued non-support

Exec Nominations-Black, Strong, Adair, Pat B&M, Ken,  
Bannen, Leblanc, Kent

calendar read

adjourn at 10:45

Minutes meeting December 21, 1960

Chairman comrade Jenkins

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted  
correspondence--- letter from Cotton- card from R and J -Van-  
couver, card from unknown contact in Toronto

Attendance- comrade O'Shea working

Motion that we seat comrades JH and ~~manman~~ K Mc-passed unanimously  
motion that PH and GB be seated and that their request to join, ~~but~~  
accepted in principle last week, be received and that they be accepted  
into membership into the branch--passed unanimously. Welcome speech  
to all four new comrades given by organizer Adair. Report by Strong and  
Adair on behalf of two contact teams. Kent reported on lengthy talk he  
had with Mrs S of Maitland St.

Educationals--report on Kent's internal of last week by Morgan. Disc-  
ussion by several comrades on panel on Socialists and the TUS  
Report by Kent that O'Shea apologized for being unable to give his  
educational tonight as he got a job he had to take. Motion that O'Shea  
give this educational next week and the internal educationals be shoved  
along one week- passed. No public forum next two Sundays due to holidays.  
Motion that tonight's educational be left to the bottom of the agenda.

CCF-New Party-- report by Strong on his being on nominations committee  
of his club searching for candidates for the coming federal election.  
Agreed that Tate should not seek it but should try to promote someone  
like McNaught. Report by Robinsen on his meeting leftists in High Park-  
agreed that O'Shea should join this club. Discussion on ~~making~~ possi-  
ble setting up of new party club in the Church Wellesley area after New  
Year with several contacts there. Agreed that we would sign up as many  
new party memberships as possible in Teamsters

Youth--Morgan raised several problems of work in youth group. Motion  
that ~~the~~ the SEL members in the YSA meet with our executive to thrash  
out these matters--agreed.

Press- Strong started off discussion with some comments on last issue  
of Vanguard. commented on several comrades not having read issue though  
out now for a week or so. some general comments on readability of the  
paper-felt articles should be shorter, more white space in paper-need  
for an insert so we could have better coverage of events. some comm-  
ents by Pryce and Leblanc. Bannen expressed view that paper oriented too  
much to advanced worker. Pryce agreed that it was and correctly so.

TU-PAC --report by JH on recent developments in Teamsters--paper out  
by Friday-possibilities in elections.

Unemployment--report by Robinsen on meeting of unemployed ~~meeting~~ org-  
anized by CP unemployed workers union. O'Shea nominated for several posts  
as some West coasters recognized him and his work there among unemployed.  
For the couple of posts he stood he was defeated narrowly. CP has strong  
core in attendance. some good elements there--amongst Italians. we should  
keep in touch. Strong commented that we had greater points of program-  
atic disagreement than Robinsen suggested. Pryce expressed opinion that  
unemployed comrades should plan to devote ~~maximum~~ some time ~~maximum~~  
and effort in this organization until such time as the organized labor  
movement moves into the field. Report of our participation in demonstra-  
tion to Queen's Park.

New Business--Report on metercade to Ottawa on Christmas day-several co-  
mrades will be going--possibility that CUCND high school group would like  
to use our hall to make signs Friday night.

Report by Strong ~~when~~ his being fired for organizing his job--  
certification now before board and also his firing. In meantime has  
a job in a UAW shop where engineers in industrial union. Motion that  
we launch a short campaign -a contest in branch to see who can sell  
the most copies of the Hansen pamphlet on Cuba-passed. Motion that  
Adair handle campaign-passed. Motion that there be no educational tonight  
passed. motion to adjourn-passed.